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"Never give up unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you"



Edward Plikington and Chris Mihill

the nation was watching the latest episode of Murder One, a drama of a different sort was reaching its conclusion. A girl aged 11 was letting go after a six-year

Her name was Jaymee Bowen, but she will probably Child B. And that pseudonym-will probably always be seen as a symbol of a youthful de-

termination to live. The name was imposed by the courts in an attempt to preserve her anonymity and existence as she could for the little time she had left. The plan failed — Jaymee's life

was not normal. It wasn't just that she threatened to whack an NHS executive after he refused to pay for further treatment for leukaemia that was killing her. Nor that she prompted deep soul-searching within the health service over its approach to patients diag-

ed as terminally ill. It was that in the face of repeated radiation treatment and courses of chemotherapy.

Her name was Jaymee **Bowen, but she will** T 9.40pm on Tuesday night, while much of probably always be remembered as Child B. After six years struggling against cancer, she got close to making it. A month ago observers were speculating that in six months her chances of survival were promising

> She got close to making it. A month ago observers were speculating that if she lasted another six months her

Then last week she began to ferred to the Portland Hospi-

tal for further tests. with their horrible side-ef- ing fast. On Tuesday after-

fects, she fought so patiently, noon she was conscious and for so long, and so hard. chatting happily; by the evechatting happily; by the eve-ning she had developed bleeding on the brain, slipped into unconsciousness and died.,

On the face of it, the death chances of long-term survival of Jaymee Bowen supports the contention of NHS doctors that extra treatment would experience breathing difficul-ties and was admitted to Brompton Hospital, central marrow transplant had failed to stem the cancer, they decided that a second such over ation would serve no useful They revealed that myeloid purpose and would merely leukaemia had relapsed and her condition was deterioration.

This is a day for grieving; it is a desperately sad day," said Stephen Thornton, whose title is chief executive of Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission but who will be remembered as the

bureaucrat Jaymee threatened to whack. Vindication aside, he added that he stood by the commis-sion's stance. "If the question is, 'do we feel the decision not to fund the second operation was the right one? then the

answer is yes. We feel that de-cision was right."

In the black and white world of tabloid newspaper journalism, that decision was lambasted as a callous choice of accountancy over human compassion. To save £75,000 the NHS was sacrificing the chance to prolong a young

girl's life. It made great copy, and the column inches and gushing prose ran and ran. "Girl sen-tenced to die by the NHS," blared the Daily Mirror. "What value is put on a child's life?" pontificated the

Daily Telegraph.
But it was never quite that simple. The NHS did agree to pay the full cost of Jaymee's lin Jaymee Bowen and her leader comment, page 8

There was no gloating by the NHS yesterday that its prediction had come true. Today is not a day for us to have any sense of vindication. The crucial point is that the past nine months, supporting the therapeutic engineer from Saw the welcomed by other have any sense of vindication. The crucial point is that met a formidable duo. David, aged 32, a divorced computer engineer from Saw the welcomed by other bridgeworth, Hertfordshire, leaves any sense of vindication. tant, Dr Peter Gravett. Jaymee's NHS doctors con-

cluded that the probabilities of her benefiting from a second bone marrow trans-plant didn't stack up. "We never at any time said we to do," Mr Thornton said.

Logically, the NHS line was coherent. Given the constraints of health service funding, it was deemed better £75,000 on the well-being of many rather than on a highrisk, pain-inflicting attempt to save a dying girl. But in this case the health

service greatly underestimated one factor in its logical equation. It might not make sense to spend £75,000 on what was medically deemed a lost cause. But it does if it is your own life at stake — more so if it's that of your child. As Mr Justice Law, the High Court judge who first deliber-ated on the Child B case, put it: "To anyone confronting the prospect of extinction in a few weeks, such a chance of

was born in Georgetown, going to be pushed around, Guyana, moving to this country with his parents mind wonderfully," he said. when he was five.

Jaymee, born on August 5, ing British farmers £35 mil-1984, was his oldest child lion a year, but the blanket "Jaymee has always had a ben is costing £500 million. would not pay for her care, but it was not the right thing cause she was my first child and I think there's a different bond between you and your first-born," he told Sarah Barclay, a Panorama reporter who has written a book on the

Child B story.
Father perceived daughter as the flagship of the family and was fiercely proud of he spirited independence. "Yo get your fingers burned with Jaymee if you upset her, she has a very analytical mind, very inquiring, very probing."

She lived up to her reputation in October last year when she commented for the never give up, unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you. Never give up." Asked what she would do if Mr Thornton were in the room with her che in the room with her, she Turn to page 2, column 3

Cabinet goes on beef attack

John Palmer in Strasbourg and Michael White

up its war of words and diplomatic obstruction with the European Union sterday, just as EU officials pledged again to fight for an early lifting of the ban on British beef byproducts. As the Prime Minister effec-tively elbowed aside Douglas

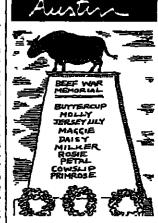
Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, by setting up two new Cabinet Office committees to ban on all beef products, the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, played to the Tory Eurosceptic gallery at home. While welcoming the Euro-

pean Commission's renewed efforts to lift the ban on gelatin, tallow and bull semen as positive and supportive, Mr Rifkind admitted the Cabinet's tougher stance had been greeted with dismay and anger in other EU capitals. It will prove counterproductive. London is being told.

be welcomed by other said. Sweden which has also

The byproducts ban is cost-To the anger of Tory rightwingers, a more cautious note was persistently struck in media interviews by the cabinet's most vocal pro-Euro-

pean, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.



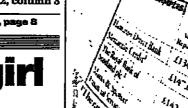
pected decision by EU vets not to lift the partial ban, --- a decision which the commission will now put to next isters — there are widespread doubts that Mr Major would really block forthcoming summit towards the end of next month. "These problems cannot be

solved by strongarm tactics or blackmail," the Italian foreign minister, Lamberto Dini, supported Britain over the beef ban, also warned that the EU must ensure that any British ban does not affect the work of the community.

However, EU ministers will probably vote by a sufficient majority to lift the partial ban on June 3 or — after a further delay of 15 days — the comused powers to lift it.

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David Ward

HE millionaire businessman Owen Oyston yesterday after being con-victed of raping and indecently assaulting a 16-year-old

model.

The judge told him: "You were rich and powerful. She was young and vulnerable. I don't believe she led you on in any way."

ne stood with his hands tolded as sentence was passed.

He mouthed a message to his wife Vicki as he was led from the dock and his 25-year-old daughter, Heidi, one of his five children fought back tasses.

any way."

A jury of eight women and four men found him guilty on four men found him guilty on the two counts after more than eight hours of deliberation at the end of a 20-day trial at Liverpool crown court. They acquitted him of the two counts after more for indecent assault and six years for rape, the sentences to run concurrently. Passing girl, he ordered Miss B to sentence, he told Oyston: "I am concurrently remove her clothes and get court. They acquitted him of prepared to assume that you into bed. She had lain still plans for the club to move

Mr Oyston, aged 62 and a

benefactor of the Labour Party, had depied all three charges. Dressed in a dark blue suit and wearing his Blackpool Football Club tie, he stood with his hands fold-

children, fought back tears. Mr Justice McCullough jailed Oyston for three years for indecent assault and six

fluence her to agree with what you wanted. But when it came to it, she did not.
"It is impossible to asses

the extent to which Miss B has been traumatised by the vents of that night."

The court had heard that

during a late-night car jour-ney in 1991, Oyston forced Miss B to have oral sex with him. When they arrived at Claughton Hall, his manor house near Lancaster, he raped her.

was sold for an estimated £30 million. He has had interests in sev-

eral radio stations, including the highly profitable Picca-dilly Radio, Manchester. Last month he invested a reported £1 million in the newly launched Sunday Business. He is chairman of Blackpool

Oyston made his first for-tune by building up a chain of estate agents, which at its peak ran from the Midlands his wife, family and friends for standing by him. He is obviously very disappointed at the result.

"He has always maintained his innocence and we intend to look carefully at grounds for appeal.'

Oyston originally faced sex charges involving six young women, Last year a Manches-ter stipendiary magistrate ruled that there was no cas to answer on charges of rap-ing one girl and indecently assaulting two others.



Owen Oyston . . . Labour Party benefactor

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Britain Tony Blair warried his party that it had not yet won victory in the battle of ideas. the precondition for politriumph.

World News promised to develop a slimmed-down version of Star Wers and to keep the military ready to 'win on two fronts'.

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would keep the Mendien hotels chain, but confirmed the sale of mostof Forte's luxury

Manchester United and joined Trevor Francis at Birmingham.

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Sketch

All quiet on the Freeman front

in the course of his speech he

uttered what may have been

A few courteous Tories mut

ered dissent from Mr Free-

man's confession. Encour-aged, he mentioned a select

committee in the House of

the Whitsuntide recess.

Lords, concerned with the

ivil service. "I look forward

to appearing at the select com mittee in Another Place after

An image swam into my

head: Mr Freeman, lying on a tropical beach in pin-striped

lantly on the shore, a chilled pina colada in his hand, reflecting that the one thing

which would make his happi

ness complete would be the chance to talk about the civil

service to a House of Lords select committee.

The air of torpor suffused the Chamber. One MP, Mr Bernard Jenkin, rose to inter-

vene. After a few moments Mr

Freeman sat down to give way, but Mr Jenkin, presum-

ably unable to stand it any

longer, had left his seat and engaged the Speaker in con-

ersation about something

about anything at all: hints on

lint removal, perhaps, or constitutional problems in the

Hanseatic League.
A spasm of interest seeme

to overtake Mr Freeman, but

quickly passed. "We should look clearly and coldly — and

in as boring a way as possible

at these issues!" he said. At this point, fearful that I

might fall asleep and crash

I also departed.

over the gallery rail onto the half-dozen MPs in attendance,

In the lobbies they were talking about the threat of the

and the semen lake. It sounded

like a revolting health spa in

the French Alps for men deeply worried about their virility.

European tallow mountain

trunks, waves from a turquoise sea murmuring sibi-



Simon Hoggart

HERE'S something deeply perverse about the House of Commons. The day after the Government declared war on Europe we had to undergo one of the most nar coleptic sessions in the Cham-ber anyone could remember.

It is usually like this. At the sitting immediately after we last declared war, on Argentina in April 1982, MPs de-bated the Local Government Finance (Number 2) Bill (Grant-Related Expenditure) in front, I suspect, of an

equally empty House.
Yesterday's subject was Developments in the Civil Service, never a topic to quicken the blood, and it was remarkable how few civil servants were around to hear it. As for MPs, the trains home were crammed to the corridors with fleeing legislators, ministerial cars brought limo-lock to Whitehall, and flying squads of northern Labour MPs were thumbing lifts on the MI slip road (drivers stop for Clare Short in hot pants, then Dennis Skinner jumps out of the bushes and climbs in too).

Speaking for the Government was Mr Roger Freeman, who is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and so, through the strange disburse ment of titles throughout the British constitution, responsible for civil servants. (If we had someone called Minister for the Civil Service, he would be in charge of the Duke of Lancaster's estate

management). Mr Freeman is an accountant by trade, of course. He has that curiously soothing voice which accountants use to stop you getting excited. If he were telling you that your forgotten shares in the South Sea Trading Company were now unexpectedly worth £10 million, or alternatively that Rob ert Maxwell had made off with

your life savings, his tone would not change. He is deeply dull. Yesterday

First night

Michael Billington

HERE does theatre begin? With actor, author or director,

there are very few rules, but

collaborative interpretation

Claustrophobia, getting its British première at the cosmo

house before moving on to Glasgow and London, derives.

however, from actors' impro-visations. Which may explain

why it combines stunning en-

semble vivacity with struc-

tural amorphousness. The Maly, under Lev Do-din's direction, are an amaz-

ing troupe. And, over the last

decade, they have built up a

Brothers and Sisters, and Gau-

deamus. But in the past their physical inventiveness has been anchored in the work of existing texts or adapted

loval following in Britain through such productions as Stars in the Morning Sky,

novels. Here they have no

such safety-net, and it shows. Claustrophobia started from the actors' responses to their native Russia on return-

ing from foreign travels: what is records is the confusion of a

young generation caught be-

Soviet system and the uncer-tainties of freedom. They seem to be search for an iden-

tity in an ideological vacuum. But, while the broad thrust is

walled room in the St Peters-

burg Theatre Academy: the

company's own classroom.

clear, the details are often

puzzling. The setting is a white-

ween the collapse of the

of a written text. The Malv

politan Nottingham Play-

historically most great

But eastward

look, it's all a blur

Clinton steals march on Republicans by pledging mini Star Wars system

Martin Walker in Washington

the three most dreary words heard in the Chamber this RESIDENT Clinton ear: "Seventhly, Madam promised yesterday to develop a slimmed The trouble is, he knows he is boring. Like many of the down version of Rongreat bores, he tells you. "One of our national newspapers de-scribes our contributions to this debate as rather sleep-inald Reagan's Star Wars missile shield within the next years, and pledged to the United States military "prepared to fight and win on two fronts at once". ducing." he said, in the faintly piteous manner of the office crasher, who hopes you will He laid out his vision of say, "no, no, dear me, Roger! You, boring? Why, compared secure and all-nowerful values would dominate the to Peter Tapsell, you're almos

> and its far-flung garrisons of troops overseas would be pro-tected from ballistic missile "We will enter the 21st century with a military whose fighting edge is sharper than ever." Mr Clinton told the US Coast Guard Academy in Con-

future, while his homeland

necticut, in one of the carefully prepared policy

"With a peaceful, undivided Europe and a stable, prosper-ous Asia; with fewer nuclear weapons in the world's ar-senals and tough new agree-ments to control chemical and biological weapons: with terrorists, organised criminals and drug traffickers on the run, not on the rampage; with more barriers to Ameri-can products coming down; with more people than ever before living with the blessings of peace and democ

Always vulnerable on deand military issues since his avoidance of the Vietnam war, Mr Clinton is determined to pre-empt the attacks of his Republican

Dole. Mr Dole has already at our support, the power of our tacked Mr Clinton for "a example, the resolve of our weak and vacillating foreign policy that dismays our allies mies", and has sought to make Star Wars into an important electoral theme.

But Mr Clinton argued: "The possibility of a long-range missile attack on American soil by a rogue state is more than a decade away. To prevent it, we are committed to developing by the year 2000 a defensive system that could be deployed by 2003, well be fore the threat becomes real. "We cannot withdraw into Fortress America — there is no wall high enough to keep

the world economy or other trends in the global society. "Democracy and free mar-kets are neither inevitable

or to isolate ourselves from

leadership," he added. "Imagine the the slaughter we would still be seeing in Bos-nia if we had not brought our The reality in Bosnia is, however, at odds with Mr

Clinton's triumphalist vision. He and the German chancel ior, Helmut Kohl, meeting today in Wisconsin, are to discuss what to do if the Nato-led international peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslav republic has not stabilised the area by the end of its mandate in about seven months.

Germany has sent a much smaller armed contingent to Bosnia than the US, Britain or France but is desperate to send home the 320,000 refugees from former Yugoslavia it still shelters.

During his US visit, Dr Kohl is due to meet the de-

Perry, and military officers. An adviser to Dr Kohl said in Bonn yesterday that the chancellor would express his views on how the security partnership between Europe and America should be expanded in the aftermath of the cold war.

The aide said it was in US interests to deepen the relationship with Europe and avoid a single-minded orientation toward the Pacific rim. In yesterday's speech, Mr Clinton pledged that America would continue to provide global leadership in the next century, as it had in this one. He rejected any return to iso-lationism and pledged that the US military would con-

the air and space.
This could be done without bankrupting the US budget,

tinue to dominate the seas

fence secretary, William | defence budget of \$250 billion keep the US and its allies se cure. At about 3.7 per cent of GDP, this year's Pentagon budget is the lowest share of the US economy since 1940, the year before the country brought into the second world war. It still amounts to more than the combined total of the world's next 10 biggest defence budgets.

Mr Dole's attempt to use the Republican majority in Congress to mandate the building of an anti-missile defensive system, would waste \$60 billion, Mr Clinton in-

"They want to force us to choose a costly misile defence system today that could be ob-solete tomorrow. They want us to deploy it before we know the details and the di-mensions of the threat we







One of the dead seals washed up on the beach at Filey, above, where a group of men armed with clubs had earlier told local residents Marie Sweeting, top right, and Darren Taylo; that they were planning to kill seals to protect salmon stocks. Mr Taylor photographed the men at Filey Brigg, bottom right, a favourite basking place for seals

Slaughter of seals shocks family seaside resort

to death of seven seals, two of the town beach.

contains disturbing echoes of the old. A crippled violin-play-ing beggar finds herself ex-cluded from a church which with inshore fishing, especially for salmon and sea

disgusting" and graphic pic-ture evidence of a stabbed and

table; the room itself symboliensemble virtuosity. Even judged as a spectacle, this two

at the barre, two male stu-dents float in through the window. After exploring their am biguous sensuality and sniffing glue, they define themselves as "ubiquists": or-ganisms that adapt to any new form of life. What follows is a

kaleidoscopic picture, filled with dance, music and acrobatics, of the hazards of adapt ing to a society uncertain of its own future. One point that emerges clearly is that the new Russia

has its own mendicant mafia. A queue, which could be preor post-perestroika, dissolves into fractious nationalist squabbles. The new "ubiquists" even create an old-style collective farm in which people are punished for infrincement of state rules. Rus sia, it is implied, is in a fluctuating turmoil in which old

Communist thought-patterns

Physically, the show is an astonishing Meyerholdian display: the actors kick and high-step to bursts of Rossini Mozart, Piaf; a suspended door turns into an operating cally disintegrates. What I miss is the kind of narrative framework that in Gaudeamus gave a structure to the year-old show has been over-taken by recent events, with the Communists edging close towards the middle-ground. As a showcase for Dodin's multi-talented company. Claustrophobia is eminently worth seeing. As a guide to the new Russia, it is a sketchily

impressionistic piece crying out for an authorial vision.

Martin Walnwright NE of Britain's leading family resorts has been shaken by the clubbing

them found in a pool of blood near the children's corner of The slaughter has shocked the North Yorkshire port of Filey, which combines bucket-and-spade tourism

Marine experts and the RSPCA yesterday denounced the killings as "brutal and

for information about the deaths, which left the animals with smashed heads, broken spines and stab wounds. Witnesses have already

come forward to claim that a small number of local fisher-men armed with clubs and martial arts sticks went hunting for the seals, claiming they damaged their salmon business. Most fishermen in Filey and Scarborough, the area's main port, have expressed horror at the killings.

Marie Sweeting, a housewife from Filey, has given the RSCPA details of a group of

blood-soaked seal has alarmed the local tourism industry. Police and RSPCA inspectors appealed yesterday were not what I'd call fishermen, but people who make money out of fish," she said. Seals bask on the Brigg's ledges at this time of year and allow people to approach.

Mrs Sweeting added: "I was out with my daughter and two of the men told us they were going out to kill seals. We'd been passing the time of day with them and when we asked how they were, one said: 'Very well, thanks — better going to be.' They weren't going to spend £1,000 on a salmon licence to see the fish

Details of the incident were passed to the RSPCA and North Yorkshire police by Darren Taylor, aged 20, of Fi-ley, who was with Mrs Sweeting and took photographs. Mrs Sweeting said they did not see any actual attacks on seals, because they had to leave the Brigg when her 13-year-old disabled daughter be-

Two blood-soaked seals were washed up later close to children's corner, one with a deep gash between its flip-pers. Mr Taylor said: "It was a sickening sight. There was blood and gore all over the

ame distressed.

Marine specialist Simon Foster, from Scarborough Sea

details of two other attacks, said the seals' injuries in-cluded flattened snouts and deep neck wounds, as well as crushed pelts and a gaff slash.
"It is disgusting, barbaric slaughter," he said. "I have never seen injuries anything like this."

like this."
Geoff Edmonds, RSPCA deputy chief inspector for the region, said the group was determined to track down the killers, who face six months in prison or a maximum £5,000 fine. Fishermen are only entitled to kill seals which damage their nets, and must use specified rifles and

ammunition. The Yorkshire coast is a

Life Centre, who has received stopping off point for grey and details of two other attacks, common seals travelling belarge colonies off Lincolnshire and in the Farne Islands, Northumbria. The victims at Filey were all grey seals from a fluctuating population

tween the Humber and Tees. Mr Foster appealed for public vigilance along the coast. He said: "I would still be sur-prised to discover that it was maverick elements of the fishing or fish-farming industry, nothing but total support here, and recognition that there is little evidence that seals have any impact on fish

'Never give up unless you are on the last drop of life'

continued from page 1 replied; "I wouldn't sit there and say anything: I would go over and whack him one." The earliest signs of her ill-ness were spotted in Decem-ber 1989, when Jaymee was five. She developed a swelling on her left cheek that grew into a lump the size of a golf ball. Her doctor diagnosed mumps. It was almost a year before cancer was diagnosed. It is an acute irony that when she first fell ill her father had a booming prop-erty business. On a whim he

bought a new Rolls-Royce for £90,000 in which he used to

and he was made bankrupt. When he needed cash to pay for his daughter's treatment, none was at hand. In January 1995, when

David Bowen was told by doc-tors his daughter had eight weeks to live, he refused to accept it. "I will walk over anything and anyone," he told Sarah Barclay. "I'll continue like a machine — I won't eat, I won't sleep. I will achieve the task. That's the way I am."

smith hospital. chemotherapy. Prof Goldman term survival at 10 per cent. "We are doctors, not robots," he said. "It's not appropriate to refuse treatment — you

should always keep your options open.

Having failed through the courts to force the NHS to fund a last-ditch attempt to save his child, Mr Bowen eventually received a gift for the £75,000 from an unnamed eventually received a gift for the £75,000 from an unnamed donor. The money paid for penditure was justified." He spent his time scouring medical tomes and contacting specialists in America. After

But soon after cancer was a month of striving he was treatment from Dr Peter Gradiagnosed, his firm foundered put in touch with Professor vett, a private Harley Street haematologist who gave Jay-mee a controversial second transplant from her sister. The NHS dubbed the treat-

ment "experimental"; Dr Gra-vett called it "the most promvert called it "the most prom-ising option around".

Yesterday Dr Gravett said Jaymee had been given a year of relatively good health as a result of his care. "Conven-tional treatment would have allowed her a few more weeks. Is it worth 15 000 a morth to Is it worth £6,000 a month to

compromise between these polarised positions; no halfway ground. The logic of the NHS's position, its insistence that all that sensibly could have been done for Jaymee was done cannot be squared with David Bowen's desire to keep his child alive. This is the black hole where com-monsense and the craving for existence collide. There is some comfort, per-

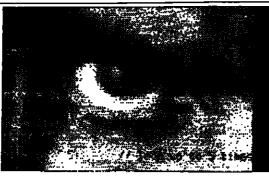
haps, in Jaymee Bowen's death. Despite her seemingly insatiable yearning to cling on, it appears she had grown

There is no way of finding a | really," she said to Sarah Barclay, adding she was now prepared to die. If there was an afterlife, she wanted to come back as a butterfly. "There's nothing to be scared of, and hopefully it won't be painful. It wasn't. Dr Gravett said she was in no discomfort at the end, and her family was at her bedside. As David Bowen emerged from Jaymee's room he said to the consultant: "Don't let anyone tell you that we failed."

Wenth Ham antipodes.

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The funeral will be held in a few days' time. Cambridge and Huntingdon health commission are considering whether to send a representative.



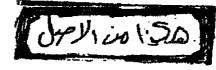
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We've not won yet, **Blair warns**

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

HE Labour leader Tony Blair, yesterday warned his party that it had not yet won victory in the battle of ideas, the necessary precondition for a electoral triumph next year.

Mr Blair has also made a dramatic appeal to intellectudramatic appeal to intellectu-als and policy makers outside the Labour Party to help to build the kind of alliance that helped in sweeping to power Clement Attlee in 1845 and Margaret Thatcher in 1979. Mr Blair's tough self-assess-ment of the slow intellectual development of Labour comes

development of Labour comes after three weeks in which the party's front bench has revealed internal schisms over key policy areas.

Writing in the monthly magazine Prospect. Mr Blair claims that the party has thrown out the dead wood and constructed the building blocks of new ideas, but con-cedes: "There is a pressing need for continued debate to deepen these ideas, refine them and toughen them up. People outside the party have a critical role.

"They can help us to understand the issues and forces shaping society so that we can shape the future. And they can contribute to nitty gritty policy work: it may not have the glamour of purer intellectual endeavour, but it is

equally demanding". Mr Blair also quotes the view of the influential centre-left politics professor. David Marquand, that "one of the safest rules of politics is that decisive political victories must follow ideological victories. Like armies sweeping through fortifications flat-

ernments beat demoralised opponents whose ideas had ome to seem risible or con-

Mr Blair continues: "Labour is not yet at that stage. The synthesis we achieved in 1945, or the Tories managed after 1979, does not come easily."

The Labour leader also The Labour leader also maintains that the modernisation of Attice's government was not matched by Harold Wilson's governments, but rather by Lady Thatcher.

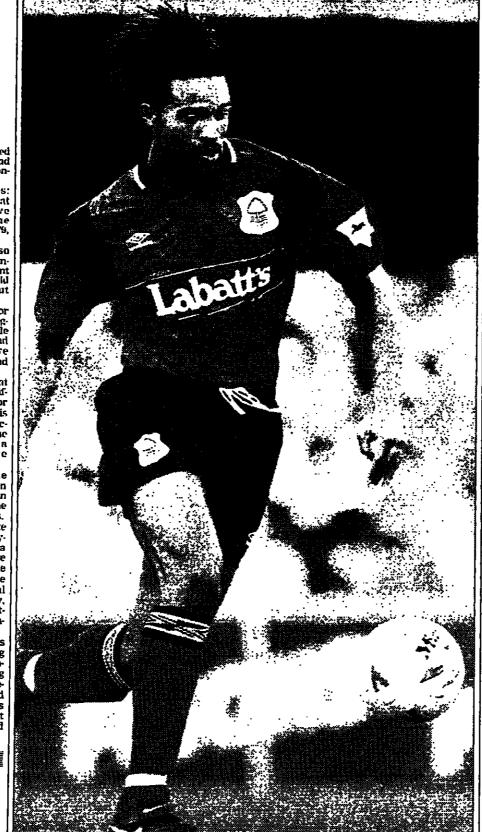
He claims the challenge for a modern party is to recognise difficult realities while providing a programme and

providing a programme and message which can move both uncommitted voters and party activists.

Mr Blair also reveals that he believes it is now more difficult to win the battle for ideas, partly because there is no longer a cohesive intellecthal elite and partly due to the way the modern media cramps political debate through lurid headlines. One consequence, he

claims, is that real debate can no longer take place within parties, let alone across the old left-right political divides. Mr Blair does not denigrate the party's achievements, say-ing the building blocks of a new centre-left identity are now in place. These include the idea of stakeholding, the need to fashion a new social order to combat insecurity, imperial role for Britain in-

side Europe. But he reveals that he is relaxed about right-wing claims that they are constructing the more exciting ideas. He claims this is because they have departed from the mainstream. "This gets them the headlines, but tened by aerial bombardment, mainly because people find the Attlee and Thatcher gov- their ideas bizarre".



Jason Lee . . . a great career ahead of him, with Del Monte?

EU cheesed off

Footballer misses the joke after being put on transfer list

ASON LEE, the Not tingham Forest footballer put on the transfer list after his confidence was shattered by a series of television sketches mocking his hair and his goalscoring ability, was keep-ing his head down yesterday pineapple and all. Lee is at the centre of one

of the strangest soccer stories of the year, after his manager Frank Clark reportedly claimed that the BBC2 pro-gramme Fantasy Football League, presented by Frank Skinner and David Baddiel, had affected the player so much that he was having to

The sketch that seems to have started it all was broadcast on January 12. In it Bad-diel, dressed as Lee — with a pineapple on his head, mim-icking the player's dreadlocked hair gathered with a headband — is summoned to see Clark (Skinner) in his office because Fifa are think of making the goals bigger.

He tries to throw an empty water bottle in the bin, but misses. He tries to put a lump of sugar in his coffee but misses. Viewers then see a series of dreadful howlers from the Lee archive.
"But I made the goal for

Stuart Pearce last week, boss," says Lee. Footage shows Lee miscue horribly from six yards and the ball falls for Pearce him to score. Since then the programme has regularly featured jokes at the player's expense.

According to Clark, oppos tion crowds and even children in playgrounds sing "He's got a pineapple on his head" (to the tune of "He's got the whole world in his hands") at Lee. "It's a factor in that I feel it

has affected his confidence," said Clark. "It can't be very pleasant to have kids shouting these sort of things at you and that obviously is a direct result of what has come out on the programme."
Frank Skinner, on holiday

Figures of fun



Gary Sprake What Jason Lee has been to the 1995/6 season, Gary Sprake was to the late Sixtles and early Seventies.
His errors were legendary, and regular, including throwing the ball into his own net thinking the final whistle had gone. His reputation was bed one web. reputation was bad enough to have been passed down the generations, but he maintained it was press



Graham Taylor Taylor suffered having his head transformed by the Sun into a turnip after defeat by the Swedes and was subsequently vegetally lampooned, with the theme accompanying his every match in charge of England. He felt the lash of Spitting Image with a sketch in which Hitler and Saddam Hussein are served in a bar but Taylor is kicked out as an unacceptable customer.



Tony Adams Adams was branded a donkey by Aston Villa fans for his alleged clumsiness and lack of ball skills and his appearances from then on brought a chorus of braying. The Daily Mirror published a picture of him as a donkey. Driving his car into a wall while drunk didn't help, but Arsenal fans turned it around, heehawing with delight as

of him. The rumour here in thing," he said. "But if the LA is that the Man From Del manager is not someone who Monte is about to say yes to him. Anyway, we've taken the mickey out of Andy Cole all season and it hasn't affected him, has it?"

The programme makers were equally defiant. "We feel Clark has done this player no favours by drawing the me-

in Los Angeles, denied the claim last night. "I think Jason has a great career ahead players from this sort of Leader of Leade

spirit then the player is much more vulnerable."

Skinner and Baddiel wrote to Lee in April inviting him on to the show. "We know you probably think we're a pair of bastards," they wrote, "but in all honesty it was dia's attention to the situation."

That view was echoed by sports psychologist John Syer. "The environment of a Frank Clark's."

never our intention to hurt your feelings ... Anyway, the point is we really like your haircut. It's much better than Frank Clark's."

Bank points to bad debts trap

Sarah Ryle

ORTGAGE lenders battling to offer home-buyers the lowest inbacks are fuelling fears of a mercial lending deals.

return to the bad debt problems suffered after the 1980s ing the reins on bank lending

housing market collapse. Building societies' and banks' balance sheets may problems for the future look healthy now. Bank of England officials said yesterday. But if the lenders keép up the drive to hold down mortgage rates — already at a 30-year-low — they could be storing up trouble for the

The Bank said that lenders were relying on the continu-ing stability of inflation, and therefore interest rates, to shore up their special deals. It warned that provision for bad debt was at bistorically low levels and banks were risking | climate. big losses similar to those of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Interest rates then rose sharply to control inflation and unemployment shot up, forcing thousands into bad debt and repossession of their

Lenders have assured the Bank that they have learned from past mistakes of taking too much risk and lending too | the mortgage." much money. But the Old
Lady is concerned that competition for market share

Best deals could bounce back on the industry in two or three years'

the mortgage companies were now able to offer cashbacks and discounted rates. relatively low return they are currently paying to savers, according to the Bank's annual report, published yesterday.

Many customers have left

their deposits intact despite low interest rates in anticipation of windfall gains from conversions by building societies to banks and from acqui-sitions like the Lloyds Bank/

to leave cash on deposit.

According to its report, the banking industry is generally healthy in terms of capital and also profitable by past standards. Margins on home mortgages have been quite for three years

high recently by international standards. But it urged caution over accounting for the schemes used to win business, like cashbacks, and warned banks to resist the erosion of covenants in com-

to individuals and to businesses would "store up

The British Bankers Association said last night that it had no fears about lenders making proper provi-sion for the special deals in their accounts. It dismissed the prospect of the battle for mortgage market share causing overheating in the hous-ing market and subsequent

problems for borrowers.

Building societies said they would prefer not to have to cut mortgage rates back but duce, was said to have been had no option in the current carried out with the conniv-

The spokeswoman for the Building Societies Association, Sue Anderson, said: "It is no secret that some lenders would prefer not to be so competitive. Once it is like that, however, it's very difficult not to join in, because if you don't, then you lose market share. Borrowers are only interested in the up-front cost of

Variable cashback

up to £6,000.

Cheshire building Society: 6.99 per cent on 90 per

cent mortgage, 5 per cent cash back upto £12,000. ■ Bradford & Bingley Building Society: 6.99 per cent on 90 per cent mort-gage, fee £150, cash back 5

deal.

But the Bank warned that this money is not locked up forever. Current rates to savers might offer little incentive to leave and the same and cent for six months, no fee.
3. Discounted rate mort-

gages, all buyers:

Leeds & Holbeck: 0.99

per cent until Feb1997

Yorkshire: 3.74 per cent

In every important aspect Israel is Britain's cultural

pacific and furtive, Israelis are unstuffy, rude, argumentative and open. Britain is ashamed

of its flag; Israelis tie theirs to their car aerials.

antipodes. If the British are formal, civil, phlegmatic,

by tax scam

TALIAN tax inspectors served up a scandal yester-day to stiffen the resolve of even the most timid Eurosceptic -- an alleged agriscam they claim has cost the European Union's taxpayers at least £31 million. The fraud, aimed at evading

rules for protecting EU proance of a semi-official Swiss farm board. Food importers in France and Germany are also accused of involvement. Acting on the orders of a prosecutor in the northern Italian town of Varese, armed tax inspectors raided the offices of 33 companies which purchase cheese from Swit-

pany being charged with fraud and embezzlement. At the centre of the scandal is the Bern-based Schweizerische Kaseunion AG, (Swiss Cheese Union) a quasi-govern-mental organisation which is responsible for buying and marketing all the hard cheese

of the sector's leading com-

produced by Swiss farmers. To protect the EU's agricultural output from cheaper im-ports from non-Union countries, the European Com-mission sets minimum import prices. Buyers in the EU who import goods costing less than this minimum price gage, fee £150, cash back 5 per cent up to £10,000

2. Fixed and discounted mortgages for first-time the duty increased twentyfold

Italian tax inspectors alleged that, for eight years, the leged that, for eight years, the Schweizerische Kaseunion systematically evaded these levies. It sold vast quantities of cheese to Italian companies at inflated prices, which saved the importers duty, then refunded them the extra cost of the cheese.

The investigators were speaking after a raid on the Germany.

But the figures cited yesterday for Prealpi alone are much higher. Companies reportedly raided yesterday include such well-known names as Kraft, Galbani and the Standa supermarket chain, owned by the former italian prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi.

premises of the Varese-based firm, Prealpi Spa, Italy's biggest importer of Swiss cheese. Prealpi alone evaded £31 million of duty, the inspectors claimed.

They said a large part of the rebates went, not to the company, but into its directors' Swiss bank accounts. They have been charged with em-bezzling some £8.8 million. A Schweizerische Kaseun-

ion spokesman admitted last night that the facts as outlined by the Italians were substantially correct.
"But if we ask whether it was legal or not legal, the

answer is not clear. It is a matter of interpreting what the law allows. He said that while various

grades of cheese had been ex-ported at different prices, the zerland. The visit resulted in real overall price was above the entire board of directors the EU's minimum import price. Italian sources said the three cheeses involved were Gruyere, Emmental and the lesser-known Sbrinz. Asked whether Schweizer-

ische Kaseunion denied making payments to Italian company directors, the spokesman replied: "If you don't pay the money to the directors of a company, who else should you give it to?" Some of the reimbursements were made by bank transfer, but others were by cheque, be said.

The first intimation of the scandal came earlier this month in a report from an EU anti-fraud body in Brussels. This indicated that the duty avoided came to 13 million ECUs (£10.4 million) in Italy, against 3.9 million ECUs in France and 1.2 million ECUs

in Germany. But the figures cited yester-



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Matthew Engel **G2** cover story

Mother and daughter are reunited after 56 years

Sarah Boseley on 'miracle' for woman forced to abandon six-week-old baby

for 35 years in a mental asylum where she was taken with post-natal depression, is to be reunited with the daughter she was forced to abandon as a six-

United States, for the first time over the phone last week. Their emotional ex-change marked the end of 50 years of tragedy and loss.

While Katie, whose depression lasted only a couple of months, was locked in a ward with highly disturbed women. separated from her child but never ceasing to think about her. Maureen endured a miserable and violent childhood. "I have been pining for her all these years," said Mau-

reen. "I am very angry. If I had known where she was. I would have been happier. I could have maybe got her out of the hospital. Her mother, now living in a

sheltered flat in Manchester said the reunion was a mir acle. "I never thought I would Katie, who at one time was

receiving regular electro-con-

N ELDERLY woman, | ter, to accept her lot. "I had who was incarcerated milk fever with having the for 35 years in a men baby," she said. "They shouldn't have kept me in the hospital. There was nothing wrong with me. Some of them were a bit demented. I kept away from them." She was admitted in 1940.

spoke to her daughter Mau-reen, now 56 and living in the United States for the formula of the states for the formula of the states for the formula of the states for the s been placed in an orphanage. When George Claxton returned, he took his young daughter out and cared for her, but about a year later he died of cancer.

Maureen, then aged six, went to live with an aunt and uncle, who said her mother was dead. "They wouldn't let me have any contact with my mother's family." said Mau-reen. My aunt was very cruel to me. She used to beat me." One day, when she was 12, a friend's mother said her grandmother lived nearby. Maureen visited her and told her she was her granddaughter. "She showed me the room where I was born. She told me my mother was in hospital. but never said which one."

Soon afterwards, Maureen ran away. "I couldn't take any more beatings." Her uncle took her to another rel ative. "Her husband attacked vulsive therapy, learned in the, so I went to stay with my Springfield hospital, in girlfriend's parents. I stayed Crumpsall, Greater Manches- until I was 18."



Katie Claxton, 79, with a photograph of her long lost daughter Maureen, to whom she spoke for the first time last week

She married - a GI bride and moved to the US. She has six children and eight grand-children, although her marriage broke up after 10 years,

'I have been pining for her all these years...lam very angry'

but has never stopped trying to find out about her mother. She traced her to Springfields, but was told by a doc-tor her mother did not recall having a child. She sent a letter, with a photograph, but Katie was not given it until

tie's mother and sisters, too, say Katie's niece, Joyce Ha-mill, aged 58, and her daugh-ter Jane, aged 31. "My gran and Katie's sis-

ters used to visit Katie, but it was that traumatic and upset-ting," said Jane, from Salford. "They tried to get her out, but nobody would help." None of the family spoke

about the woman in the asvlum. "The first time ever l heard about Katle was on the wedding day of my auntie Frances, her sister," said Joyce. "The people next door sang, 'Fil take you home again, Kathleen,' and my grandma started crying. She said it was because auntie Ka-

when she was mugged. The who offered to give her a comes to us. She's lovely incarceration distressed Ka- home and persuaded doctors said Joyce. said Joyce.

to release her. Katie's mother, Maureen's grandmother, had suffered a They shouldn't

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She was discharged. Katie

In 1975, Katie was released daughter, and it took off from carried the picture with her from Springfields, after she there. Every Saturday and at everywhere, until she lost it was befriended by a cleaner holidays and Christmas she soon fly back to see her.

"She talked about her daughter all the time. She wanted to see her. In the end, I told her I'd try to find her, but I never thought I would. It makes me want to cry, just talking about it."

Ian Rhodes, a spok for the Manchester health commission, said: "These sorts of cases are not

The International Red Cross tracked Maureen to West Plains, Missouri. She did not know her mother had been released from hospital, and assumed the letter she received was to tell her Katie had died. Instead, it gave her "When Katie first came to me she said, 'You're Nora's daughter', and it took off from first time on the evening of

News in brief

Doctors back right to assist suicides

MOST doctors are in favour of a change in the law to allow "physician-assisted" suicide, according to a survey published yesterday. The first UK research on the issue found that 54 per cent of the 700 GPs, hospital physicians, anaesthetists, psychiatrists and pharmacists who responded to the survey supported a change in the law to allow them to help patients to end their life in certain circumstances.

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The survey, carried out by Sheila McLean, professor of law and ethics in medicine at Glasgow university, also found that 28 per cent of doctors would be willing to assist a patient in extreme mental or physical pain to commit suicide if it were legal. However, only 3 per cent of doctors admitted they had helped a patient to die.

Professor McLean said: "Anecdotal evidence suggests there

Professor McLean said: "Anecdotal evidence suggests there are doctors who help patients to die. The aim of the research is to gather information which will allow us to draft a bill to legalise physician-assisted suicide."

Bowbelle sinks

THE dredger Bowbelle, which sank the Thames cruiser Mar chionness seven years ago with the loss of 51 lives, has itself sunk inionness seven years ago with the ros of Madeira.

- two thousand miles away off the coast of Madeira.

- The 250-foot sand dredger, working under a new Portu

name Bom Rei, broke in two on March 25, drowning one of its crew. But the accident went almost unnoticed until yesterday, when the connection between a routine report from the Lloyd's agent in Madeira was connected with the Marchiomness disaster.

Members of the Marchionness Action Group, which fought to have a full inquest into the Thames cruiser's loss, expressed little surprise yesterday that the 32-year-old dredger should have sunk. "We always warned that the Bowbelle would come to an end like this", said Margaret Lockwood Croft, whose son Shaun was among those who died during a late-night birthday party cut short by collision under a Thames bridge. "Not only did its visibility problems mean that it had a series of collisions, but also we said there were structural problems." — David Fairhall

Fresh clues in hunt for rapist

DETECTIVES yesterday revealed new clues in their hunt for an armed sex attacker who preys on courting couples at a beauty spot. Police believe the man, who has struck four times in five years at Farley Mount, near Winchester, Hampshire, may be a member of the armed services. Detectives are checking with the services to see if the offences coincided with the end of tours of

He last struck in April when a 16-year-old girl was tied up and abducted as she and her 18-year-old boyfriend sat in their car. The girl was driven seven miles and indecently assaulted before being dumped in a lonely country lane. Police revealed yesterday that in an earlier incident in November 1992, when a 20-year-old woman was abducted and raped, she was taken to a cottage or outbuilding within a 15-mile radius of the beauty spot.

Big Issue aims to cut suicides

THE Samaritans are training Big Issue sellers in listening skills to help depressed and suicidal homeless people in London. From this week a number of sellers of the magazine for the homeless will be taught suicide awareness in an attempt to reduce the rate of suicides among people living on the streets. An estimated 23 per

cent of the deaths among those living rough are suicide.

Robyn Heaton, manager of the training unit at the Big Issue, said: "There's already quite a network of vendors who provide a listening ear to other homeless people and their customers, so this project seems a natural and logical extension of that."

Bullet girl to fly home

A FTVE-YEAR-OLD African orphan who was flown to Britain to have a bullet removed from her skull should be fit to return home next week. Doctors say they expect Tenneh Cole to fly back to Sierra Leone on Tuesday or Wednesday. Tenneh had a bullet ramoved from behind her right eye nine

days ago by surgeons at the Norwich and Norfolk hospital and staff say they have been delighted with her recovery.

Irish police admit accidentally destroying extradition warrant for wanted IRA suspect

David Sharrock ireland Correspo

RISH police yesterday asked the Home Office to submit future extradition warrants to them on coloured paper after admitting that they had mistakenly shredded documents last month relating to a man wanted for questioning in connection with the IRA's

bombing campaign in

be suspended three times yes-terday as the row over the failed extradition to Britain of Dubliner Anthony Duncan raged. Several opposition MPs were expelled from the chamber, one of whom refused to withdraw a claim that the prime minister, John Bruton, had misled the house over the case.

Opposition members said

The Irish parliament had to | the part of Irish authorities in | Dublin court heard that docutheir handling of the case. But Mr Bruton insisted: "The statement I made was accurate and true, based on information I had at the time." He said a Garda investigation into the affair had only been

completed two days ago. The extradition hearing

ments were "fundamentally flawed". Mr Duncan was freed but immediately rearrested and charged with IRA membership. A new extradi-tion attempt cannot be heard until this charge has been dealt with, which could take more than a year.

the British authorities. But | hard to make out the differthe Irish justice minister, Nora Owen, admitted in a written parliamentary reply that the original warrant had been "destroyed accidentally" while copies of it were being made by the Gardai

In the hope of further extra-dition documents avoiding a against Mr Duncan — who is wanted for questioning about sourced Anglo-Irlsh relations want them to be sent on IRA bomb attacks in England as Dublin government coloured paper to distinguish of Father Patrick Ryan, when Mr Bruton told the Dail last before the 1994 ceasefire — sources initially tried to pin them from photocopies. A Margaret Thatcher accused month there was no fault on collapsed last month after a the blame for the mistake on Garda source said: "It's very Dublin of a "lack of resolve".

a good photocopy. If the origi-nal is on coloured paper it won't be mistaken for a copy. The history of extradition between the Irish Republic and Britain is littered with

mistakes, confusion and bit-ter rows. The lowest point

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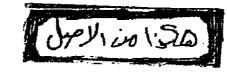
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Flag-waving strategy may boost Tory election hopes, but Eurosceptics doubt Prime Minister's nerve to push battle with Brussels

MPs see beef as Major's Falklands

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To lift the beel by-products ban at the next agriculture ministors' council a qualified majority (62 out of 87) of votes will be needed. To maintain the ban a simple majority of member states voting, 8 out of 15, would be needed. But Britain already has seven countries on its side.

In favour

in: wants ban lifted as preliminary to complete removal of worldwide ban. Votes under qualified majority voting

Instance Desperate to get trade moving, but agriculture minister Ivan Yates thinks Britoin must offer more detailed slaughter plans.

see wants ban lifted: consumption down by more than a third and French farmers can't sell their beef. Votes: 10

italy: beet market also badly affected Votes: 10

BISC Last country to hea British bed. Phiegmatic about the ... BSE crisis despite highest farm

Greece: hesitated before backing end of by-products ban on Monday. Votes: 5

more severe culling but accept that by products are sale.



Germany: ricepty opposed to any liting of sanctions until British has proved BSE is eracicated.

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To lifting the by products ban

Austrias Naturally close to Germany but its opposition also dictated by internal strains in coalition government and strong opposition from health ministry.

Speins Upset with Britain over support for 90 year-ban on Spanish pork exports following simme lever epidemic. May be persuaded to change next time.

Portugal: Anxious to get EU funding for its own BSE eradication plans. May be bought oil in Luxembourg Votes: 5

Holland, Beigken and Luxensbourg: surprising detectors: may have concluded it would do no harm with consumers at home to oppose a litting of the ban. Votes: Holland and

"But they can't go abroad," he laments, "and they're get-ting too big for the home mar-

Michael White Political Editor

ACKBENCH Conservative euphoria over John Major's European beef battle was tempered yesterday by twinges of doubt. Moderates fear that the Prime Minister has disastrously over-estimated Brit-ain's hand while the more sceptical Eurosceptics won-

der if the Cabinet has the nerve to see the campaign through to victory Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown were aware that behind the sabre-rattling was the vague outline of a flag waving strategy to save the Torles' election hopes. "It's like the Falklands, it's a huge gamble with a lot at stake," MPs said.

Thatcher's triumph over Ar-gentina in 1982 which consoli-dated her Iron Lady reputa-said one. tion and election win in 1983.

Wary of unpatriotic pitfalls, the Labour leader lay low though he is planning to seek Italy's help in lifting the ban when he meets the new Italian prime minister, Romano Prodi, during a flying visit to will be unable to control it. "It's a serious misjude

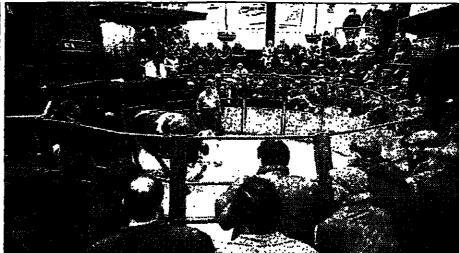
Rome today. But Mr Ashdown sent an open letter accusing Mr Major of siding with the sceptics in his "reckless gamble" with both Britain's beef industry and its long-term rela-tions with Europe.
"If this gamble fails, then

your authority as Prime Min-ister will have gone and the only honourable course left for you will be to resign and call a general election," he wrote, Some rightwing Tories Mr Major is said to have see it in equally bloody terms. sentiment into the sceptics' used the same analogy — a "I can't believe he'll get it camp or whether it is an ill-reference to Margaret right and there are plenty of considered tactic.

A gentler sceptic said: "For the first time I can see the outlines of a possible election victory." Other Tory MPs fear Mr Major has let the sceptic genie out of the bottle and

ment. It's us who have mis-handled this crisis and now we're threatening Europe even as we seek more com-pensation," said one. Both wings of the party fear that Mr Major will "declare vic-tory" too soon, when the beef byproducts ban is lifted, and may then be expected to make concessions on other issues.

The real question is whether the beef crisis has produced a fundamental shift of backbench and ministerial



David Tomlinson leads the forlorn auction at Borderway market, Carlisle, yesterday,

Farmer

HE beef cattle are growing of the slaughter programme. ominously fat on Henry He is losing on all fronts. Blake's 330 acre Cumbrian farm. By now his prime two-year-old steers should be heading from Eden Valley to 30 months and qualifying for an abattoir in north-east Scot-land bound for the dinner tables of the Continent, writes Peter Hetherington.

to auction then bringing them ting too big for the home mar-ket and too old."

As a result, more than 70 animals from what he thinks

back again."

By the time the animals reach 30 months they will be past their sell-by date and

is a BSE-free herd are being ready for disposal.

put out to grass in the forlorn hope they will find a market. But in his heart Mr Blake Auctioneer knows they will become part DAVID Tomlinson, the auctioneer, said the cattle sale fulfilled his worst He is losing on all fronts. "I

have never seen a BSE case, and I would have been better off if all my cattle were over expectations, urites Peter Hetherington. For over two hours, he conveyed 337 prime beef steers through the ring of compensation]. My worst fear is that if things are not back steers through the ring of system appears at breaking one of Britain's largest point with older cows up to to normal by the end of the year we shall be struggling. I have been taking the animals

markets at a rock bottom price of about £826 a piece, with the Government and processing, absent from the EU picking up most of yesterday's sale. Abattoirs the tab. "Tremendous can not cope with the back-

largest batch of prohibited cows, 30-month-olds banned from entering the Abattoir

food chain, handled at the Borderway complex in Car-THE backlog of cattle waiting to be led into the Govlisle. The abattoir will receive £87.50 for each animal. "Who pays for it? You, and me, the taxpayer," Mr animals, mainly dairy cows at Tomlinson thundered. the end of their productive

The sale and slaughter life, writes Owen Bowcott. By next week the Interven-tion Board, which is co-ordi-12-years-old, the "cast" cat-tle that once went for meat nating the programme of de-stroying animals, plans to have 61 abattoirs involved in the process of killing, rendering and incinerating carmeat, this, from tradition-ally reared cattle," he said. | log. "We've got 6,000 on our books and can't get rid of The animals were the them," said Mr Tomlinson. the human food chain.

this spring — after the latest scare over BSE and its human equivalent CJD — forced farmers to hold back their herds from market, creating a ernment's slaughter policy is hacklog now estimated at be-now estimated at up to 150,000 tween 100,000 and 150,000

animals.

Before the announcement of a suspected new strain of CJD, slaughter houses were dispatching 15,000 cattle a week. The Intervention Board now hopes to increase the cull rate to 25,000 a week

If successful, it will there-fore take three to four months to clear the backlog and months to remove them from | revert to previous levels of

BSE crisis puts 36,000 out of jobs with more set to go

Environment Correspondent

OB losses due to the BSE the European Commission for crisis are estimated at £1 billion in emergency funds 36,000 so far with more ex-pected in the next few days as hard-pressed employers reports from employers reacted to the news there was no hope of early reprieve to any kind of beef exports.

Although farmers have complained most and received compensation and support from the Government, no jobs so far appear to have been lost.

processing plants, hauliers, pie, burger and sausage makers have all lost jobs. Government statistics show that up to May 3, 4,500 people report-

The Transport and General Workers Union says its origi-nal estimate was 10,000 jobs lost in the abattoir sector but when the associated meat processing and food manufacturing were added, it grew to

Peter Currie, who works at | sector.

Midland Meat Packers, Northampton, is one of the union officials going to Brussels on June 5 to plead with the European Commission for thillies in a commission for the bulk of the commission for the commission for the commission for the commission for the commission of the commission for the commission of the commissi round the country is that 36,000 have lost their jobs and

daily." in 1995 the beef business employed: 200,000 people di-rectly, and 1.5 million in associated jobs in an industry

ment estimates of jobs likely to be lost concern the abattoir and food processing businesses. Accountancy firm ing to JobCentres blamed the 8,000 to 8,000 jobs to go over BSE crisis for losing their last the next year and 15,000 to 20,000 in the food processing

> Butchers have also been hit by the beef crisis with around 30 closing a week — 15 to 20 citing BSE as the final straw which spelled their demise. Hauliers expect to shed 20 per cent of the 6,000 jobs in the

Press

THERE was little comfort or sympathy for the Government's stance reflected in yesterday's European Press.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine, dismissed Mr Maonly "rhetorical significance". Le Monde said: "It was

London, not Paris or Bonn. the numbers are going up which initiated the crisis. In legitimising the hypothesis that BSE was transmissible to man, John Major's government had clearly not considered the degree of responsibility it The Italian centre left

daily La Repubblica ar-gued: "The most relevant aspect of Major's speech is not what he said but where he said it — Westminster and not Brussels. The speech has to be read in the light of domestic rather than community politics.

"It says a lot about the weakness of the British conservatives and that of the Prime Minister himself, nowadays a hostage to the most Eurosceptical circles in his own party."

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Joker in the Stalinist pack Us envoy intent on

toppling Karadzic

Who is the man who claims to hold influence over the high-flying Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov? **David Hearst** in Moscow spoke to Viktor Anpilov

KTOR ANPILOV the dictatorship of the proletariat. And he believes in the cutting wood in a Siberian labour camp — where he has already mentally reserved places for some opponents.
At the last election his party, Working Russia, polled more than 3 million votes and came within one percentage point of official recognition in

That was more votes than the former prime minister and guru of the shock theraists, Yegor Gaidar. A jounalist, Mr Anpilov,

aged 50, specialises in lancing his pompous opponents with humour, and addressing rallies with political wit.

While Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and a mathematician, starts each election rally with statistics describing the crisis of Russia's people and its economy, his Stalinist elec-toral ally raises spirits with

his rhyming slogans. Mr Anpilov describes himself and his party as the single most important influence on Mr Zyuganov. Four weeks before the presidential election, Mr Anpilov, a copybook Marxist Leninist, is quite clear about the limits of his support for Mr Zyuganov.

At an open campaign meeting, he urged Mr Zyuganov to nationalise Russia's banks. "We're not about to shoot anybody. Let the current bankers work for the Central Bank. But whoever doesn't like it — there's enough room

In response, Mr Zyuganov called on his supporters to be "more precise in their state ments and not let slip any frightening words". He reminded them that his platform safeguards private prop-



Political satire . . . The witty Viktor Anpilov, left, makes his point

Should Mr Zyuganov be higher form of democracy, as elected president, Mr Anpilov a triumph of the absolute masays he would campaign to destroy the office.

"The institution of the pres idency inevitably brings Russia back to a monarchy, to its medieval rudiments. We don't jority over the interests of the minority.

"Comrade Zyuganov has been drawn to less concrete notions like 'people's power'. But we know what the point want to live in medieval of departure of a dictatorship times, therefore we are going of the proletariat is. It's a

'We will struggle openly to liquidate the presidency. We have told Zvuganov'

to struggle openly for the liq- | state where even the smallest uidation of the presidency. We have told this directly to

post in a Zyuganov He describes his main difference with Mr Zyuganov thus: "It is mainly about the problem of power. We have come to understand the dicta-

collective, of workers or sci-entists, elects its own soviet, capable of controlling the exinterested in a ministerial lective and even the wages of damental ideological disits administrators.'

even in favour of the state paying the best lawyers, but the proceedings must be shown live on television. If the court proves Gorbachev is guilty, and you know I am against the death penalty, I believe he would cleanse himself of his shame by honest work, and cutting wood is honest." Mr Anpilov has described the former president as a traitor — to his face. Next-on the list would be

the tank commanders who opened fire on the White House, their own parliament, in October 1993, then the people who ordered Mr Anpi-lov's arrest in May 1993.

But, returning to Comrade agreements between the two men? Such as Mr Anpilov's nds? support for the dictatorship Well, he says, he will of the proletariat and Mr Zyureopen the labour camps. As ganov's professed support for for its first occupants: "I believe the first trial must be Mr Annilov replies: "Zyuproblem of power. We have for its first occupants: "I become to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be to understand the dictalieve the dictalieve

an Traynor in Bonn

night stepped up the pressure to topple Ra-dovan Karadzic, the hardline Bosnian Serb leader an attempt to keep its Balkan peace process on schedule and prevent a potential debacle interfering with President Bill Clinton's re-election

John Kornblum, the US en voy to former Yugoslavia, followed up several days of telephone negotiations by going to Belgrade to seek the help of President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia in effecting Mr Karadzic's removal. The US state department

said Mr Kornblum's aim was "to make sure that all of them understand, from our point of view, the importance of civilian implementation of the [US-brokered] Dayton peace

Mr Kornblum's mission followed the failure last weekend of Carl Bildt, the Euro pean official in charge of overseeing civilian aspects of the Dayton accords, to secure Mr Karadzic's removal.

Central to the Dayton deal is the provision for free elec-

although all the evidence sug-gests that the battered country is far from ready to stage a free and fair ballot.

German sources active in Bosnia said the Clinton administration's paramount aim was to make sure the elections took place on time to prevent any fiasco that could impinge on the US presidential poll in Novembe The Americans want the elections held on September

14, aithough European offi-cials working in Bosnia are less than sanguine at that prospect. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe which is respon-sible for organising the poll has still not committed itself

"The last thing Clinton wants is a poll postpone-ment," said a German source. "The US is putting huge pres-sure on the Europeans and they will probably have to say okay or start another row with the Americans. But the problems are immense. There s no funding, the media freedom is miserable

The most likely outcome of the first post-communist elections held in 1990 which back.

helped set the country on course for war: a triumph for three nationalist parties representing the Serbs, Muslims,

and Croats. Mr Karadzic is the biggest - but not the only obstacle to a fair election as the Day-ton deal bars him from holding elected office. He is fiercely resisting the international pressure to go and hu-miliated Mr Bildt at the week-end who boasted he had won assurances that the hardline nationalist was throwing in the towel.

By contrast, Mr Karadzic engineered the sacking of a rival moderate as the prime minister of his Bosnian Serb Republic, replaced him with a hardline crony, and had an-other nationalist ally named to liaise with the interna-

The US appears to be mov-ing in to flex muscles and bang heads where the Europeans failed.

Mr Kornblum's ace card in attempting to get Mr Milose-vic to help is diplomatic rec-ognition. Unlike the Euro-pean Union countries which have afforded Mr Milosevic's an autumn poll in Bosnia will | rump Yugoslavia recognition be to replicate the result of in the past couple of months,

Foul play suspected in French reporter's death

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

YSTERY surrounds the death of one of France's leading investigative journalists, who was found hanged in his holiday home in Menorca. Spanish police said they believed Xavier Gautier, aged

ing by the bourgeois rules and I say let him play, because the reality is quite different. Zyu-

ganov has to take this into ac-

count, but our aims are much

more profound. It is to estab-

lish soviet power, to restore people's property, to re-estab-

"Our influence on him fMr

Zyuganov] becomes clear

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personality.

35, whose body was discovered on Sunday, had killed But other police sources in Spain indicated that the journalist, who had investigated the arms trade in former Yugoslavia for the French daily newspaper Le Figaro, may

have been murdered. The police chief for Ciudadela, Menorca, said the words traditore and diavolo (Italian for "traitor" and "devil") had been scrawled on the outside

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But Fernando Rodriguez said: "We are inclined to be-lieve it was suicide. The house was in order and there were no signs of a struggle. No suicide note was found. Gautier's family yesterday called for a murder inquiry.

Charles Lambroschini, the foreign editor of Le Figaro, where Gautier had worked for nearly six years, said: "The family refuses to believe it was suicide. I have trouble believing he killed himself. At the same time it seems surprising that a Yugoslav faction might go to so much trou-ble as to kill him in Spain."

Mr Lambroschini said Gautier, who had begun a year's sabbatical in March, had previously investigated the work of arms traders who had breached the United Nations embargo on arming Croat and

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said Gautier's reporting was exemplary in its bravery and accuracy, he said many other Western journalists had done similar work in the Balkans. Refusing to comment on Gautier's state of mind, he said the reporter, who was unmarried, had been very up-

six months ago.
A Paris-based "fireman" reporter who travels to trouble spots across the world — Gautier had covered Kurdish resistance to Saddam Hussein in 1991 before specialising in

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the Balkans. Mr Lambroschini said the reporter was rumoured to be writing a book about the arms trade. In fact, having failed to secure a publishing contract, he was researching a biography of the rock star Bruce

Regions at De Mar

Millions cross ex-Soviet borders

Owen Bennett Jones

ORE than nine million former Soviet citizens, one in 30 of the population, have been on the move since the collapse of the communist system, according to a United Nations study.

Many of them have fled fighting. Ethnic disputes in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan have led to 1.5 million

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ments have been caused by fighting in Moldova, Tajikistan and Chechenia. The Russian Federation has absorbed

new countries, especially could contribute to a reducthose in Central Asia, are suf-fering from a "brain drain" others, like the Russian Federation, are having to cope with millions of new arrivals.

tion in population flows In the Soviet era, Russians moved to other republics where they were put in posi-

language of the Soviet Union and few ethnic Russians bothered to learn the local language. But the new governments have all declared ome are demanding knowl-

nuclear programmes. Nuclear contamination in Chernobyl and the Kazakh test site of Semipalatinsk has produced at last 700,000 ecological

tions of authority. Many are the biggest inflow of people as ethnic Russians seek the safety of their motherland. Sergio Vieira de Mello, the UN's assistant high commisnow back home, and those who have chosen to stay put People have also been sioner for refugees, says: "With so many on he move there is a risk of economic deforced to move for fear of na-tionalist discrimination and Russian was the accepted because of environmental velopment being undermined and regional security being Humanitarian agencies be-The UNHCR believes an imlieve such movements will be people leaving their homes. destabilising. While some provement in human rights official their own languages edge of that language as a job **Post-Soviet** Some migrants are escap-ing from the Soviet Union's migration Fleeing from tighting Ecological migrants Former depotees Russians returning home The former Soviet states RUSSIA are also trying to unravel Sta-lin's policy of shifting popula-tions. His regime moved 3 million people from their homes to other Soviet regions.
Entire national groups such as the Volga Germans, the Chechens and the Crimea UKRAINE LIZBEKISTAN Tatars were moved in cattle trucks to Siberia or Central CHECHENIA been trying to get back home. When the Soviet system col-TURKMENISTAN lapsed, politicians feared a wave of immigration from East to West. In fact most of the population movements have been contained within the borders of the former Ankara

If there is a problem with cultural theory it is not so much moronism as over-zealousness. In arguing that everything - from Vera Duckworth's wallpaper to Cantona's smile means something, they have overburdened culture with significances it cannot support. Charlotte Raven

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Soldiers are using threats to stop a boycott of today's poll, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in Sopore

Kashmiris coerced to vote

NDIAN soldiers have been summoning local leaders to demand that they turn out for parlia-mentary elections today — or face the army's wrath

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"They told us: If you don't have the blue mark on your finger that you have voted. then the next day we will cut it off," the leader of a resi-dents association in the apple market town of Sopore said.
Other town leaders, huddled in woollen cloaks against

the biting spring cold, say they have had similar threats. Today's elections, for the parliamentary seats of Baramullah and Anantnag, will be the first polls in the valley since the separatist uprising against Indian rule began in 1989. A second round in the capital Srinagar and another seat will follow on May 30.

For New Delbi the electrons

For New Delhi, the elections are a matter of enormous prestige: evidence of its success in containing the gunmen and in persuading Kashmiris to return to the Indian fold. Today's vote is seen as a elections later this summer. and the Indian authorities want to make sure it takes place with a minimum of

New Delhi has intensified its operations against separatist guerrillas, inflicting heavy casualities. Tens of thousands of paramilitary forces have poured into the valley, along with hundreds of civil servants, press-ganged into duty as presiding officers.

An 80-member medical team from New Delhi has been under heavy guard in a Srinagar hotel. Candidates make their rounds in bulletproof cars, escorted by three armoured vehicles and a truckload of security forces.

But attendance is dismal at rallies. Among Kashmiris, who see the poll as a New Delhi tactic to ignore de-mands for talks on the valley's future, resentment runs

deep.
The traditional Kashmiri party, the National Conference, has boycotted the polls. separatist



Protest vote . . . Kashmiri women shout anti-Indian slogans at a pre-election demonstration in Srinagar yesterday

where the government exists in bunkers and the guns roar," said Abdul Ghani, a leader of the pro-Pakistan Muslim Conference.

The separatist boycott publication. leaves the field clear for political unknowns and candidates belonging to govern- Gurkha Rifles have hament-backed armed groups. rangued them daily for the "The candidates are not real past week. militants," claimed one So-

murderers and exploiters." Civil servants have been on strike for days, shops have been shuttered since Monday, and newspapers have ceased

In Sopore, local leaders say officers from the local Ninth

cannot be held in a region anger. "They are thieves, side the polling stations. They said: 'It doesn't matter if you vote or not, we will do the rest'," one local leader said. But there is also fear of the League and formerly deputy separatists. Even those few of the chief progovernment

> vote will do so at their peril. We cannot cross everygovernment employee said. | they love us."

"Elections are not held and | pore man, shaking his fist in | sure there was a queue out | "Nobody will give their vote | • In the second powerful voluntarily, but if they force

us, what can we do?"
But Javaid Shah, the Srinagar candidate for the Awami Kashmiris who would like to group, denies intimidating voters. "We don't have our guns anymore," he said from body to give our vote. At our his villa in Shivpura. "How front, there are guns; at our can we force people to vote? backs, there are guns," one The people will vote because

blast in India in two days, a bomb on a bus killed at least 14 people and wounded 30 in the north-west state of Rajasthan yesterday, the chief minister's office said. Police

said no-one had claimed responsibility.
On Tuesday, nearly 30 people were killed in a New Delhi shopping district by a bomb variously claimed by Is-

Junk fiend and deathbed wag has last laugh

THE late playwright and

Saroyan had a great deathbed line: "Everybody has got to die," he wrote, "but I always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?" What indeed. Fifteen

years after his death, the Armenian-American eccentric and controversialist is still stirring up the literary and academic world with a dispute about his legacy. Saroyan, who died aged 72, spent his last months rewriting his will and making arrangements for his "collection".

unpublished short stories. plays, novels, essays and with the effects of Fresno's letters made up a literary treasure trove from the author of The Time of Your Life, an acclaimed play he wrote in six days. He rejected the Pulitzer prize for it, saying the work was "no more great" than any-thing else be had written.

But Saroyan was also a compulsive hoarder. The Saroyan Foundation he created includes 1.200 boxes filled mainly with junk. For years the venerated Bancroft library at the University of California at Berkeley kept the collection on loan, but only the literary works, which could be worth millions of pounds.

The clippings from Saroyan's walrus moustache, old Metro tickets from his years in Paris, and the small rocks he picked up during bicycle rides all remained in the Armenian-American farming town of Fresno, California, where

he was born. There, too, in the attic of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, were the boxes of pencil drawings Saroyan made of himself, his shoelaces, gardening twine, and his old black Royal typewriter, on which he is estimated to have pounded out 10 to 15 million words.

There were also the labels. Every time Saroyan ate a tin of beans he would steam off the label, and stamp the date on it, sometimes noting what he thought of the beans and the weather.

Now, to Berkeley's cha- playwright William Saroyan

grin, their rivals at Stan-ford University have ac-quired the Foundation —

old bottletops and all. Anthony Bliss, manuscript curator at the Bancroft library, fumed: "Nobody at the Foundation consulted us. You read the self-congratulatory announcement from Stanford.

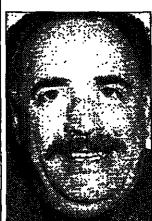
and it's hard not to gag."

Michael Keller, head librarian at Stanford, was sympathetic. "Our colleagues at Bancroft have been doing wonderful things for decades," he sighed. "But ... Saroyan will have a very strong

presence here." Two men with a lorry recently carted off the boxes from Fresno. It took An unknown number of them all day, but the museum was not sorry to part most famous son. The domi-nant agribusiness elements of the now-booming city never embraced the eccentric Armenian.

Saroyan, the author of The Human Comedy, might be sardonically amused by the row. Yet there is sadness too. He asked that no buildings be named after him; that the two houses where he spent his last days in Fresno and his home in Paris, be kept for visiting writers; and that half his ashes be scattered in his ancestral village in Armenia.

The Fresno theatre is now called the Saroyan, the houses have been sold, and his ashes were desposited in a grandiose memorial in Yerevan, Armenia's capi tal. As he said, now what?



Britain urges Burma to stop crackdown on opposition

BRITAIN yesterday condemned the arrests in
Burma of 90 supporters of
Aung San Suu Kyl, the opposition democracy leader, and
urged the ruling State Law
and Order Council to release
them immediately.

A Foreign Office statement

since releasing Ms Suu Kyl
from house arrest last July.

The state-run media did not
report the crackdown and
government officials declined
to comment. "We're not supposed to say anthing on such
a story. Why don't you approach the NLD people?"

A Foreign Office statement said Britain was "gravely concerned about the deterlorating political situation and rising tensions throughout

the country".

Most of those detained by Burma's military rulers were elected members of the National League for Democ-racy (NLD), which plans to hold its first congress this weekend since a sweeping election victory in 1990. A source close to Nobel

peace prize-winner Ms Suu Kyi said the the number of those arrested could be higher as news of the detentions across the country were slowly trickling in.

The army has run Burma with an iron grip since the 1960s, crushing an uprising in 1988 and terrorising or jailing democracy activists. But it

posed to say anthing on such a story. Why don't you ap-proach the NLD people?" Major Hla Tun, the senior information mininstry official,

Ms Suu Kyi and other NLD members spent yesterday pre-paring for the three-day congress of top party members that starts at her house in the capital Rangoon on Sunday. An NLD source said the crackdown, the worst since

Ms Suu Kyi's release, was expected. At least 44 of those taken were arrested while travelling or preparing to travel to Rangoon for the meeting, the source said.
The rest, including Ms Suu
Kyi's secretary, Win Htein,
were arrested late on Tuesday

and yesterday in Rangoon. Diplomats in Rangoon said the stage was set for a fresh confrontation between Ms Suu Kyi and the govern-

News in brief

Forty Russian troops killed

Forty Russian soldiers were reported killed in a rebel raid in Chechenia yesterday, al-most twice the number first said to have died in the attack, Interfax news agency

Interfax said earlier that 22 Russian soldiers had been killed and 48 wounded when separatist rebels broke through their lines near the village of Bamut in southwest Chechenia. — Reuter.

Language barrier The Irish are the least linguistically gifted national group in the European Unnion, according to a directory which analysed 1,700 EU officials. Luxembourgers fared best, with 84 per cent able to be understood in two or more languages apart from their own, followed by the Dutch and Belgians. — Reuter.

Defence legend

A former soccer star, Gianni Rivera, aged 52, has found a new job in defence — as a deputy minister in Italy's government. — Reuter.

Court video-linked | Safety spaces

A Tasmanian man accused of Women-only parking places one count of murder in the will become standard at all

from prison yesterday be-cause of security fears. Martin Bryant, aged 29, appeared in Hobart magistrates' court charged with the murder of Kate Scott. -- Reuter.

Japan spy agency Japan's parliament yesterday approved the establishment of the country's largest intelligence agency, designed to gather and study military de-velopments in East Asia and elsewhere. — Reuter.

Marshall aid plea South Africa needs the same sort of Marshall plan assis-

tance that helped rebuild western Germany after the second world war, President Nelson Mandela said in Bonn

Defence legend

Port Arthur shooting massa-cre of 35 people appeared in a courtroom via a video link ernment decided. — AP.

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When rights collide

Jaymee's to fight, the NHS's to resist

rightly paid yesterday to the courage and spirit of Jaymee Bowen, the schoolgirl refused further NHS treatment for leukaemia, who lived for another year partly because of experimental palliative treatment bought privately thanks to an anonymous donor. She had an or anonymous donor are the second and indomitable spirit, which all those who watched her on BBC Panorama quickly observed. In her words: "I would rather go through life struggling to live than do nothing and die. I say never give up." She was true to her word. Given only eight weeks to live, she survived for more than a year. But tributes, rather than brickbats, also need to be paid to the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission, the authority which took the decision to stop further treatment.

Asked what she thought about the authority, Jaymee said she would like to meet the chief executive, Stephen Thornton, and "whack him one". Perfectly understandable. There should be no criticism of Jaymee, or her father, fighting for every bit of available treatment no matter how remote the chance of success. But health authorities have to be more impartial. The £75,000 which a second bone-marrow operation for Jaymee would have cost would also have been £75,000 less for other patients. The decision which they took was based on medical advice, which found the chances of Jaymee recovering from a second bone-transplant were virtually nil — a clinical decision which was upheld by two of the nation's top hospitals, the Royal Marsden and the Hammersmith, to which her father turned. It was only a private doctor, with no background in children's cancer, who thought it might work and then he changed his mind.

Her extra year needs to be celebrated, but the Cambridge authority needs protecting from castigation too. Yesterday | bunkers.

FULSOME and eloquent tributes were | one of its critics, Professor John Goldman, suggested Jaymee should have been treated differently because of her lust for life. Implicitly this already mare. It is bad enough trying to mea-sure clinical need, likely effectiveness, and cost in the task of Solomon which health authorities are required to undergo, but Prof Goldman would only make the distribution of resources an even more jesuitical operation. Imagine trying to measure people's spirit as well as their physical condition.

Rationing is as old as the NHS. It has been carried out implicitly (queues, waiting lists, waiting times) and explicitly, though always until recently in a covert manner: elderly people denied access to intensive care, alcoholics de-nied liver transplants. Now, under the restructured NHS, these decisions have become much more overt. This should be welcomed, not least because it could generate more resources for the underfunded service. What is wrong is the lack of a national framework. Ministers have pushed rationing down to local health authorities — so that they take the blame for unpopular decisions but then intervene when local services begin to diverge to insist there must be national minimum standards. There must, but the only people able to set them are the very same ministers who are refusing to do so. It is no use the Health Secretary interfering in an ad hoc manner. Recently, for example, he insisted health authorities should not ban the use of a new controversial drug for multiple sclerosis which costs £10,000 per patient. But one-off interventions don't work. What is needed is a coherent and comprehensive framework. Ministers must come out of their

Hogg's ham tactics over beef

Britain has been playing politics over BSE more than anyone

carry a big stick. John Major seems increasingly to have opted for the exact opposite, speaking loudly but carrying a stick so modest that no one is fooled by the threat of it. For if ever a political problem exemplified the need to plan for a conflict it has been the beef crisis. Mr Major wants to solve the problems of Britain's beef producers. But the only solid and secure way of doing that is by taking BSE seriously as a public health problem, working in concert with all those who are likely to have an interest, agreeing a line and then sticking to it. Britain has not done that - or rather it has done a limited number of things too grudgingly, too late and too inconsistently. To speak loudly is therefore to show the fundamental weakness of the British position not its strength.

It is always necessary to remember that the BSE outbreak in Britain has been far larger than anywhere else in the world, has gone on much longer and has been tackled with much less ruthlessness than the much smaller outbreaks elsewhere. All this was true before the government itself acknowledged that BSE in cattle could be connected with CJD in humans. That was the immediate reason why the European Union imposed a blanket ban. That decision was not an irrational spasm by crazed and illogical foreigners who are incapable of understanding scientific advice. It was an entirely that the BSE question is a real one, not logical position taken on the basis of treating it as imaginary.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT famously ad- | the scientific evidence as advanced by vised politicians to speak softly and Britain itself. If anyone has acted and voted politically in this it has been the British, not those who took the scientific and veterinary advice and wanted

to ensure that the disease was localised.

But the other problem with British policy over the past two months is that it has been so inconsistent and illogical. The last two months have been miserable for British beef farmers, especially for those whose attention to proper precautions has meant that they have never had a suggestion of BSE in their berds. Some nations are more hypocondriac than others. But vets and ministers would be acting irresponsibily if they took risks. They have to take BSE ultra-seriously. Britain, by adopting inconsistent approaches to the problem and appearing to conjure solutions out of the air, undermines that inescapable seriousness. Douglas Hogg has done real harm to the cause of beef farmers by this approach to policy-making. To have allowed this technical problem to get caught up in the Conservative Party's dance of death with Europe was to guarantee that a problem-solving approach would be sacrificed for rhetorical posturing. That does no favours to producers or consumers. It is not surprising that the voters blame the government rather than the Europeans or the farmers for the crisis. The beef crisis remains soluble, but only by longterm measures and a recognition

Pineapples and banana skins

But turnstile prices give football fans the right to laugh

FOOTBALL fans are renowned for their | and Frank Skinner have transformed undying loyalty to their teams. But fans often also feel that the clubs take that loyalty for granted. One of the unpleasant ways that fans get their own back on football has been violence. But there has always been a more acceptable tactic - terrace humour. The success of Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch and of BBC TV's Fantasy Football programme is partly due to their skill in tapping into this mordant side of fan and fanzine culture. By making fun of players, the fans are also making fun of themselves and their own obsessions.

Few clubs are without a player normally either a hopeless striker or a clumsy defender — at whom the fans love to laugh. In extreme cases, some clubs can even field eleven such players. Jason Lee's tragedy is that because of television he has become the first player that everybody laughs at, irre- yards out. But at the prices that the fans spective of club loyalty. David Baddiel | now pay, they are entitled to a laugh.

an obscure Notts Forest striker into a figure of national ridicule on account of his pineapple shaped hair-cut and a succession of spectacularly missed chances. Yesterday Lee buckled. He was put on the transfer list, allegedly because his confidence has been wrecked

by TV's laddish duo. It is hard not to feel sympathy for Lee. It is not nice to see anyone mocked because of their appearance, least of all if there is a racial dimension to the mockery. There is no joy either in witnessing the besieging media claim yet another celeb victim. But at the end of the day football is about putting the ball in the back of the net, Brian. Or in Lee's case, about not doing so. As a fan, you sometimes don't know whether to laugh or cry when your overpaid striker shoots wide yet again from two



Letters to the Editor

Europe's meaty debate Our readers put road rage in the psychiatrist's driving seat

Europe hysteria being whipped up by the Govern-ment. BSE has not been eradicated from the British beef herd, and government con-trols have thus far not pre-vented some infected material from entering the food chain. Therefore how can the Government contine to assert the

safety of British beef? The limited cull that Douglas Hogg bas offered Europe has nothing to do with eradi-cating BSE from the herds, and our European partners are quite right to be sceptical.

The Government has taken an unacceptable gamble with our lives. . Until BSE has been completely removed from the food chain, or until it is proved that BSE does not cause spongiform encephalop-athy in humans, it is reasonable to expect foreign govern-ments to protect their people. (Dr) D K Hardman.

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BEING Polish-born soon after the second world war, I can hardly be accused Harvey Quilliam. of pro-German sympathies, 6 Poulevara House, of pro-German sympathies, but having spent a few years in Germany I realised the Liverpool L13 4BW.

Grown-up stuff

So like, I read the Guardian on Thursday and it's

like, the film Kids doesn't

have much of a plot, right (Derek Malcolm's review,

May 16)? It's a dweeb fantasy,

about skinny naked guys and girls in tiny T-shirts, kinda paedophile chic, and like, yeah man, "Where are the adults?"?

It's something Derek Mal-

colm gets close to asking. Well, they're in the audience,

reassuring each other. Mal-colm asks if Kids is "the

truth", and should know bet-

ter. I spent a year in America

and frequently saw clubs frequented by people who were 14-ish off their face — and this was the middle of the week.

They did know the bouncers

and at 4 o'clock, when we left,

they would carry their skate-boards off down Broadway.

OUR leader on the beef great extent of its population's crisis (By Jingo for interest in health issues. This July?, May 22) came as a is the genuine reason behind their refusal to lift the ban on British beef. It embarrasses me to see John Major giving up to the pressures of conspir acy theories.

Marek Pieczynski. 26 Silverdale Road, Eastbourne BN20 7AZ.

HE litany of despair recited by Sir Teddy Taylor over Europe (Roller-coaster out of Euro-nightmare, May 22) is hardly sur-prising in view of the anti-European stance adopted by our jingoistic press over all things European. One would imagine that BSE was the result of some interference from the EU instead of the direct result of "unfettering" British agro-business by this hands-off government. The mad cow crisis in Britain is a self-inflicted wound. It is up to

us to put things right.
John Major's petulant ges-ture over the failure to lift the ban on derivatives proves how completely he is at the mercy of his Euro-sceptics. When the US, Canada and Australia banned our beef, we did not make threats of non-cooperation in Nato or anywhere else.

One of my over-riding impressions of New York was that

it - New York was their city.

titled Adults, as the fantasies, blindness and lack of moral-

ity in reactions to it are the (predictable) shocking thing here. This film is not the

dweeb fantasy of a dirty old man. It is about Alds, and an environment where Alds can

This film should be sub-

more than anyone else's.

AFTER the latest failed at-tempt to get the EU ban on beef lifted, Malcolm Rifkind said that the decision was purely political, in spite of all scientific evidence that

British beef is safe to eat. After 10 years of research knowledge on BSE must have made gigantic advances in two months, because Stephen Dorrell's announcement to the Commons about the possible link with CJD had to be based on the best scientific evidence available. Otherwise, he made a colossal mistake.

John Turner. 38 Canonbury Road, London N1 2HG.

AJOR'S posturing is as morally justified as Britain's position in the opium wars. It is typical of our gov-ernment's understanding of industry and commerce that it is content to encourage the supply of cheap and defective products, then wants to force the world to buy them. Brian Hall.

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IRST France has a strike wave, now Germany. Clearly there is a lot to be said for not eating British b Joseph Lane 355 Kennington Lane, London SE11.

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that when a driver makes a mistake, it is virtually impossible to say "sorry". If, for example, I accidentally bump body language, satisfy them that it was my mistake and show I am suitably repentant. The result, in most cases would be acceptance of the apology with perhaps repara-tion in the form of a replace-

ment drink. The design of the modern car means that good eye contact is difficult and the only way in which drivers can communicate is through flashing lights or honking horns, both of which are liable to exacerbate the situation.

In the 1970s, I heard of a continental hand-signal of three fingers outstretched horizonrally to indicate excusez-moi.
Perhaps some agreed sign for "sorry, my fault" could be adopted nationally.
Colin Burke. 39 Heaton Road

Aanchester M20 4PU.

SO-CALLED road rage does indeed need to be put into about 10 people die on our roads every day. Unlike the killer of Mr Cameron, these motorists can expect trivial pseudo-penalties and very little attention by the media.

ONE of the major reasons for road rage (How to curb rage, Leader, May 21) is surely jour occurs because of the increased likelihood of losing a driving licence and not, as you suggest, because of advertising campaigns. Increasing the into someone in a pub and level of law enforcement, with spoil their drink I can, loss of licence for the vast mathrough verbalisation and jority of cases of bad driving, level of law enforcement, with is the appropriate deterrent.
Tony Roberts. RoadPeace,

PO Box 2579 London NW10 3PW.

SEE that last year 1.8 million drivers were forced to swerve or pull off the road, and 500,000 had their cars deliberately driven into (Animal aggression drives motorists to violence, May 21). How can anyone possibly know this? No one has ever asked me if I've been a victim of such behaviour — did I miss the cen-sus? Or is this another example of guesswork being adduced as fact to flesh out a thin story? Philip Kelman.

17 Dalnair Street, Glasgow G3 8SD.

ROAD rage is not confined to those driving a car. Pedestrians can experience the same unbridled anger. It is erspective, but not quite as I linked to our perception of ve your editorial suggests. The hicles as monsters. The reacvast majority of those who are | tion is a response triggered by killed or injured on the roads our collective unconscious, esare killed or injured by the tablished in pre-history, to normal, criminal negligence of motorists. On average, lies from wild beasts. But now the beast of our collective unconscious is the motor vehicle. Alistair C Blunt.

71 Medfield Street, Roehampton, The experience of drink- London SW15 4JY.

Hurd but not seen in Bosnia

D VULLIAMY makes a tence on maintaining the uni-tary state. ica's part in ducking the issue of military intervention in the early days of the Bosnian conflict (America's big strate-

gic lie, May 20). But it was, in fact, the British ex-Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd who "led the consensus" at a meeting of the Council of Foreign Minis-ters in September 1991, in opposing the introduction of an international force into Yugo-slavia to establish the condi-

Had this proposal been Had this proposal been unanimously backed by the EC. America would have been unlikely to oppose it, especially as the US Secretary of State James Baker had, by that time, a number of misture over his earlier insignal. givings over his earlier insis- | Glasgow G12 8RS.

ions for peace.

Moreover, given the opposition to Serbian President Milosevic within Serbia at the time, and the Yugoslav army recruitment problems, due to massive draft-dodging by Serbs reluctant to kill people they perhaps still perceived as their fellow countrymen, it is probable that the serious threat of military action by a united European Community, when the war was still confined to Croatia, would have prevented it from escalating to Bosnia at all.

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We regret we cannot

THE Victoria and Albert Museum is a boring and inconvenient building con-taining great treasure badly displayed (Letters, May 21, 22). If the interior spaces of Daniel Libeskind's new building can alleviate this, then this will be a great improve-

God forbid any repetition of the grey wasteland of the National Gallery extension. The exterior is exciting in a way that modern English buildings seldom are, al-though I do wonder whether this is just my reaction against the general debased neo-classicism or ill-judged eclecticism of recent new buildings in London. Peter Shield. 20 Willerby Road,

Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4PB.

URTHER to your recent correspondence in search of the world's most famous newspaper headline (May 7, 9), I have found, and enclose a copy of, this supposedly myth-ical headline in Le Monde for December 30, 1966: "Peu de victimes au Chili à la suite du séisme". It can, of course, be loosely translated as "Small earthquake in Chile, not David Kemp. Flat 10, 20 Blackfriars Street, Glasgow G1 1PE,

Small shake-up | **A ioan is not a future** OHN Gray (Money matters on the campus, May 21) states that "there is no way in

education can be maintained without transferring some of the cost to its ultimate benefi-ciaries". Absolutely — now let's ask ourselves who these ultimate beneficiaries are. Who benefits from having

which the expansion of higher

nurses, doctors and teachers — mainly the individuals pursuing such careers or society as a whole? I suggest the lat-ter. The community as a whole benefits from education and the community as a whole should pay for it through the taxation system.

Labour's new policy fails to

address the question of pay-ment of unemployment benefit to students over the summer vacation. Without a commitment to restoration of this benefit talk of broadening access is just cruel rhetoric.

Simon Hewitt.

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simply "increasing student numbers" in higher education is not the best way to spend the money saved by introducing student loans. Labour ing student loans. Labour House of Commons, must create a revolution of London SWIA 0AA.

long-term governing project. Compared with primary and secondary education. higher education has done pretty well under the Tories. But working-class kids are denied access to higher education long before age 18. Only serious investment and mean-ingful reform of schools and colleges will smash the elitism which continues to throttle British universities. Tony Sampbier. 9 Doulton Gardens

ESPITE what you say, we welcomed the new technology colleges and believes their specialism can be devel-oped in partnership with other local schools (Labour backs aptitude tests for tech-nology college pupils, May 21). On the tests, we pointed out that the research would not be published until after the next election. A new government might consider using them to assist with value-added perfor-

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ATS off to David Blunkett and co for their overdue policy shift in student finance.

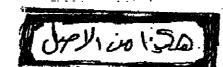
My concern, however, is that the state to assist them in the state of developing their policy. David Blunkett (MP). Shadow Secretary for Education and Employment.

A Country Diary

was not seen. At the house in question other birds have been taken in the past and, on at least one occasion, the animal — a pine marten — was caught in a hutch for cockerels, most of which were dead or dying. In the Highlands such a situation is normal these days and many people pine marten as there are plenty of other predators, although most of them will operate under the cover of dark.

HIGHLANDS: Not a week goes by now without me hearing of predators attacking poultry and the latest incident happened to my nearest neighbour half a mile away. Sometime between 5.30 and seven in the evening, a predator killed two small hens, leaving one headless corpse in the garden and taking the other away. The blame was laid squarely at the door of a pine marten although the animal was not seen. At the house in and they will sometimes seek prey during the daytime although, again, they are mostly about at night. My advice is to make sure all poultry are locked away each night, but there is a fine line between getting them away and when the predators are about. Later in the year there is even more in the year there is even more chance of birds being taken in daylight as there are so few hours of darkness for hunting. Feral cats and wildcats can also be a problem. these days and many people—
now including my neighbour
— have stopped keeping any
poultry because of such predation. So the pine marten is
getting a bad press. But, in
some cases, it may not be a
nine marten as there are

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Diary

Matthew Norman

ITH presidential elections looming. Bill Clinton continues to dodge danger with immense grace. His latest escape concerns the civil law suit of Paula Jones, who seeks compensation for what the law calls "improper behaviour to a sub-ordinate" — or "flashing his willy in an Arkansas hotel room and angling for a blowjob", as Mary White-house insists on calling it. house insists on calling it.

Desperate to stop the case being heard before the election. Clinton argued that no acting president can be sued — but with that claim en route to a Supreme Court packed with Republicans, fears were growing. However, with sublime chutz-pah, the brilliant Irish lawyer and White House Council member Jack Quinn has come up with another idea: since the US President is US Commander-in-Chief, he posits, Mr Clinton is on active military duty — and under the Sol-diers and Sailors Act of 1940, actions against military personnel are automatically stayed until their active duty is over. The point looks absolutely watertight; the irony — Mr Clinton has always been so keen to join the army — is simply gorgeous.

EWS that my friend Mandy Mandelson (we had a little spat, you will recall, but we've made up now) was the only New Labour character at last week's dinner for Jacques Chirac has failed to delight his colleagues. "He only went because no one else wanted to," sniffs someone in Gordon Brown' office. How convincing. Dinner with the President of France, or a quiet night in with the telly? You can see why poor old Mandy got lumbered, can't you?

HEAR suggestions that my old friend Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, may have fallen short of perfection in his handling of the RSR crisis and is likely to be sacked in the next reshuffle. People say he is not only useless but horrendously arrogant too. I find this very hard to believe. Why, only a few weeks ago, when the crisis was at its most intense, his European counterparts wanted to arrange an emergency meeting on a Saturday. Douglas wasn't having it. "I don't work Saturdays," he intoned. "I go home to Sarah on Saturdays." Bless his heart, he's doing the best he can.

■ F Douglas does stay in the Cabinet, this may be connected with a sense of loyalty Mr Major feels towards Sarah. While he was Chancellor, the now Lady Hogg was not only a key adviser (she persuaded him that the ERM was a splendid idea), but also Economics Editor of the Daily Telegraph. During the Tory the then Mrs Hogg was asked in the editorial conference if she thought the paper ought to support Mr Major. Certainly not, she said. Major was too fragile, too inexperienced and too immature, and he simply wasn't ready for the job. The Telegraph went for Douglas Hurd and, shortly after Mr Major's victory, Mrs Hogg left the Telegraph to take up another posi-tion . . . as head of the Prime Minister's policy unit in Number 10.

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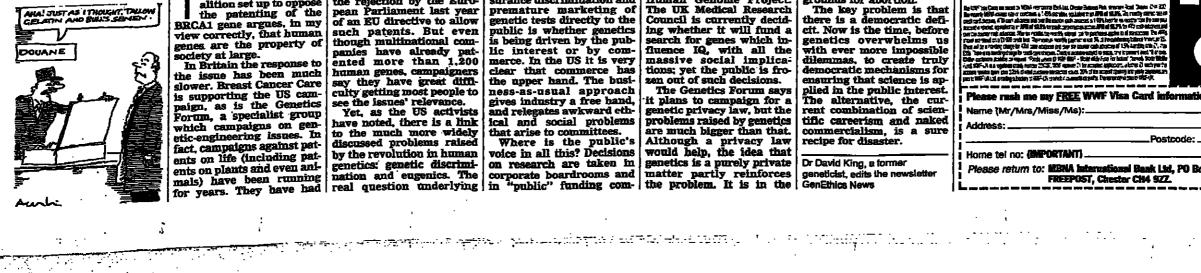
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HE Police Bravery Awards ceremony is today at the Savoy. Neither the Police Federation nor the Sun, the event's sponsor, will discuss the guest of honour's identity, on grounds of strict security. I wouldn't mention that it is, in fact, John Major, had Michael Howard not blurted it out to last week's Police Federation conference in Scarborough. Must be one of those colds of

N today's look at Brandreth's Brainstorm, the Chester MP's diverting puzzle page in OK! maga-zine, we come to "Celebrity Square". Three celebrities

Zoe Ball, Peter Bowles and Norman Bowler—are pictured, and your task is two-fold: first, work out what they have in common (that's Ball, Bowles and Bowler: concentrate); and then decide in which order they should appear. It's just so devilishly clever, isn't it? The electors of Chester should be very proud.



Frogs and krauts fill heads with hate

Commentary

Martin Kettle

T comes as a shock to be reminded just how easily the British can don the mantle of a nation at war. You spoke for Britain, Nicholas Winterton told John Major in the Commons on Tuesday, consciously repeat ing the resonant words which Leo Amery uttered during the real crisis of 1940. Many who listened to Major's statement also caught echoes of Neville Chamberlain's broadcast of September 1939. Major Goes To War At Last said the frontpage headline in the Daily Mail. The Sun adorned its beef coverage with a picture of Churchill. And yesterday morning the Press Association was even reporting the formation of a War Cabinet. Of course it is not war really. No one is actually going to get killed in this battle with our foes across the main
unless you count several
thousand dumb and perhaps infected cattle who will be the second world war still clubbed senseless and incin-

must all decide whether will join its ranks or not. Among the European nations this could probably only happen in Britain and Greece, though conceivably also in Russia. For among the EU nations it is only in Britain that there is this genuine and deep cultural yearning to relive the last war, and for the nation to stand historically

apart from its neighbours. Anyone who thought that this

instinct was dead, laid gently

to rest in the long prosperous European reconciliations of the second half of the 20th century, must think again.

The pent-up resentments of British nationalism have ruthless, evil and powerful found another cause to rally of enemy. Nor is it the summer of 1940, when Britain genueration with Europe, John Major has not just made the Major has not just made une latest tactical manoeuvre in the long struggle to control the Conservative Party. He has let a nationalist genie out the conservative Party this has been its cathartic find it hard to put back. Note the Mail's "war at last". These are happy, fulfilled people. This is finally a part of the nation at ease with itself. A nation at war. Or play-

If nothing else, the last 48 hours offer a very salutary reminder of the grip in which infected cattle who will be the second world war still This is not an entirely fan-clubbed senseless and incin-erated in the cause over the coming weeks. But the spirit To those who grew up in 1960s sion which the Europhobes

ing at being at war.

of something very similar to and 1960s, the war seemed to war is on the march and we be parental business, not must all decide whether we ours. Yet we have turned out to be carriers too. Fourteen years ago, many were sur-prised by the capacity of the Falklands crisis to reawaken a bastard version of the war

> In some ways the true emo tional parallel this week is not the grim determination of September 1939, when there was an overwhelming sense that the nation was embarkweek has been its cathartic delight. One recognises in the Tories a version, albeit a de-generate one, of "Now God be thanked Who has matched us with His hour/ And caught our youth, and wakened us from sleeping." We are head-ing back into the world of Oh

time spirit. Now, fully 51 years after the end of the last

European war, an even more

bizarre mutation of the bull-dog spirit is on view in the battle for British beef.

What A Lovely War.

will not like. In earlier times, the struggle for international markets was a cause of real wars. If this was 1896 not 1996, wars. It this was less not 1996, the fleet would almost cer-tainly be steaming for Wil-helmshaven and we would be flooding the Channel Tunnel. The fact that no British lives are likely to be lost in this latest conflict is due to the success, not the failure, of the European Union.

The Europhobes cannot see this. For the more cerebral among them, the argument

among them, the argument about beef is simply a surrogate for an almost sacred and mystical cause, the reawaken-ing of British nationhood. For those with the light of martyrdom in their eyes this promises to be a truly purgative moment, just as 1914 was for Rupert Brooke, in which the folly and the humiliations of the European ensnarement can be expunged in a moment of national purification.

Not everyone who rallies to the sound of the drum thinks

If this was 1896 not 1996, the fleet would almost certainly be steaming for Wilhelmshaven

this way, of course. There is none of the high-minded classical Powellism of the Europhobe commentators in the instinctual xenophobia which sustains the foot-soldiers of this army. When John Townend says that Germans only understand the language of fundamental at stake. A pho-force, when Teresa Gorman ney war is almost as destrucsays she wants to stuff British beef into German sausages, or when the Sun offers you 20

victory or real defeat.
This presents us, neverthe-This presents us, nevertheless, with a very real choice. Do we continue to live in the fantasy world of Hun Bashing or do we try, at last, to set ourselves free from these harmful and dead-end delusions? Do we, in other words, work with the other European nations in the only kind of international alliance of international alliance which makes sense for a nation in this part of the globe at this time, or do we set

ourselves against it?
The entire logic — if that word can be used in this context — of the Conservative Party's position is that we can never make the European choice. The Conservative Party can go to Europe, but it cannot be European. Instead, as this week's events have proved and others may shortly emphasise, it is rapidly becoming the British, or even the English, nationalist

party. The choice for the opposi tion parties is whether to be dragged along or whether to stand up. Me Too or Not Us. Whatever the reservations about particular aspects of the European project, such as the single currency, there is now something much more tive of Britain's longterm in-terests as a real war. If the Conservative Party insists ways to be rude to the Ger-mans, then we are witnessing something far nastier, far serious answer.

enough about the gene, about

how to advise women as to their best course of action,

about how to predict the ef-

Most scientists working in the field see it as unconscion-able that a test should be offered over the counter at

this stage; it should instead be offered in a research setting, with adequate clinical and

counselling back-up. Some even argue that all testing

should be done anonymously

at this stage, as we are not in a position to know exactly

HERE are major im-

est cancer, and in some

fects of the mutations.

cruder and far more dangerous in our politics than anything we have witnessed in our public life for decades. The surreal qualities of the beef crisis ought not to blind us to its deeply serious consequences. Since we cannot go to real war, we can only go to pretend war. And since we will never win — and indeed have never fought — a real war against the combined forces of Germany and France, there can be no real victory or real defeat.



Natasha Walter

THE Government says:
"Yes, it hurt," as if they could consign their own policies to history. But why the past tense? For some people, the hurt goes on. "The homeless" have some-

times become a metaphor rather than a reality; a metaphor for the cruelty of the free market, or of the fecklessness of young people. But their lives are complicated, ongoing, real. Mr Ali (not his real name), a quiet, dignified chap, lives in west London with his wife and child. We meet in his local centre for the homeless, where he softly recites his story. He has medical problems, and can't work. For a time he rented a one-room flat, but it was squalid his housing benefit. So he be-came homeless, and Westminster Council stepped in.

Now he lives in a hotel. He and his family share a kitchen with 50 other people, and share their one small room with countless cock-roaches. It's not quite the place to start a child's life. And that can hurt. "She is suffering," he says quietly of

Sukti Neogi, who works at the Bayswater Homeless Project, sees dozens of people like Mr Ali. They're not sleeping in the streets, and they're too proud to beg. They go on deal-ing with decrepts situations ing with desperate situations behind doors all over London. Still, if they find a secure home, she says, those families are transformed. "The family can settle down, the children start school. Their lives change totally. They make friends, they get to know the area, they start their lives up again.'

what the results mean. But even those who occupy the middle ground, and who be-But new legislation will lieve women are entitled to know, argue that high-level counselling is vital. make it even more difficult for families like Mr Ali's to find a secure home. A new Housing Bill is currently passing through the Lords and will become law later this plications for a woman (and her summer. In it, the accepted the director of Shelter, has family) who is told duty of a local authority to tried to convince the Governthat she has an 85 provide permanent housing ment that it's not just for per cent risk of developing for homeless people in prior moral reasons that they itv need — incli cancer. If she already has breast cancer, a positive test

only have to provide accom-modation for two years. And might suggest that she is at risk of a second cancer; if not, and yet a sister or mother has if there is any suitable accomand yet a sister of momer has had breast cancer, it is not clear whether she should have very careful surveillance or a bilateral mastectomy. We simply do not yet know if either is effective.

There are also implications modation in the area, says the land-bill, the local authority can lord faces a vast and growing just direct homeless people to housing benefit bill. Up and

tion will be to push more and In little ways and big ways, more families like Mr Ali's the homeless can show us

council, but into the private rented sector.
That can certainly sound like a good idea; social housing has been run down, but llats are lying empty and familles want them, so let the market do its work. But the tale that Mrs Smith (not her real name) tells me shows up the inherent problems. Mrs Smith lives in Wandsworth, where the local authority has begun to place homeless fam-

ilies in the private sector.
She lives with her husband and four children, one of whom is deaf. Their own house was repossessed in 1990 when they couldn't keep up the mortgage repayments. Since becoming homeless they have lived at four addresses, moving the chil-dren from school to school. At one time, the six of them spent eight months in one room in a hotel. Eventually, the council found them their present home, a grotty pri-

vate rented flat. 'The council says they can't do anything more for us. but this flat needs so much work, it's horrible. The land-lord won't do the work, but we can't because we don't know how long we'll be here. You can't live like this. It's not home," she says hope-

Research published this week by the London Research Centre shows that Mrs Smith is frighteningly typical. Most of the homeless households placed in the private sector by local authorities had little s curity, relying on shorthold tenancies of six months or a year. The continual question - what next? - haunts them, and that insecurity tells. Ms X found that her fear about what might happen next had rubbed off on her daughter, who was seeing a child psy-chologist, and "thought her mother was about to move house and leave her behind".

ORE, the policy of paying expensive, private-sector rents through housing benefit can grip unemployed families in a vicious poverty trap. Low-paid work is no good to them, because it won't cover the loss of their housing benefit, and so they get stuck doing nothing in order to keep a

roof over their heads. Even if it hurts, does this policy work? Chris Holmes. ment that it's not just for should rethink the policy o cases of developing ovarian with young children — is using the private rented sec-cancer. If she already has snuffed out. muffed out.

Now, local authorities will housing. "It's misguided and expensive," he says succinctly. A government that chooses to pay landlords t.
The thrust of this legislabillion a year.

not into a secure home with a that when people get hurt, the housing association or the state isn't really working.



Wars of the genes

Eilen Solomon argues that the potential of the 'breast-cancer' gene must not be jeopardised by private profit, while below, David King calls for democratic decision-making

rate been isolating genes whose mutations lead to dis-eases. Progress has been so eases. Progress has been so rapid that even those working in the field are finding it difficult to keep up with developments. Until recently, most human geneticists were looking to isolate genes in which mutations lead to rare inherited disorders with clear-cut in particular hreast cancer. ited disorders with clear-cut in particular breast cancer, stages. It claims that only by arguably ready for public use. genetic patterns, and which that is provoking a furious gaining a patent can it recoup Yet we still do not know

ITHIN the last | often affect children, such as 18 months or so, scientists have at an unprecedented rate been isolating genes whose mutations lead to diseases. Progress has been so the several commonent of

dreds of women's and health groups formed to oppose a biotechnology company's attempt to patent a gene linked with breast cancer. Myriad Genetics, a Utah-based company, wants to patent the gene it identified in 1994, known as BRCA1. Women with a mutated version of the gene have an 85 per cent chance of developing breast cancers; Myriad plans to charge them £600 for testing kits to screen for it. Myriad isolated BRCA1 after a highly publicised,

the genetic component of high-profile race among many much more common adult labs around the world. In diseases, such as diabetes, many cases, the early heart disease and cancer. research had been funded by charities and governments; but Myriad poured large sums of money into the later stages. It claims that only by

debate in the United States, its investment. A patent gives This week a coalition of hun- a company the power to make ents to be granted for novel and innovative developments
(such as testing kits); but it is
another for them to be
granted for the gene itself.
The law is still unclear on the
issue, but I am afraid that
with the speed of developments we are on a slippery slope, with the risk that practo commercial pressures.

Once a gene is patented, the owner gains the sole right to develop a test for it, and to distribute, to set charges for, and to monitor the results of such a test. Here lies the prob-lem. Many genetic tests (in-cluding that for BRCA1) are arguably ready for public use.

huge financial gains on any diagnostic or therapeutic developments connected with a gene. It is one thing for pattice is determined according

this type. For the long-term benefits to accrue from gen-etic testing, such questions must be studied within clini-cal academic settings. Ellen Solomon is Prince Philip

Professor of Human Genetics at Guy's Hospital and head of a cancer genetics laboratory at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund

studied within academic

research settings; commercial companies do not generally conduct clinical research of

mittees composed entirely of scientists. But the public has a vital interest in decidpublic interest to find a way to prevent parents' pri-vate decisions in the clinic ing, for example, whether we spend £2 billion of taxfrom creating a consensus that increasingly minor

payers' money on the genetic disabilities are grounds for abortion.

The UK Medical Research Council is currently decid-there is a democratic defiing whether it will fund a cit. Now is the time, before search for genes which in-fluence IQ, with all the with ever more impossible massive social implications; yet the public is frozen out of such decisions.

The Genetics Particles Parti zen out of such decisions.

The Genetics Forum says it plans to campaign for a genetic privacy law, but the problems raised by genetics are much bigger than that. commercialism, is a sure



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Business gets the upper hand

HE new American co-alition set up to oppose the patenting of the BRCA1 gene argues, in my view correctly, that human view correctly, that human such as the rejection by the Euro-pean Parliament last year of an EU directive to allow such patents. But even though multinational cometic-engineering issues. In fact, campaigns against pat-

es, such as | debates over patenting, in-y the Euro- surance discrimination and to the much more widely discussed problems raised by the revolution in human

premature marketing of genetic tests directly to the public is whether genetics is being driven by the pub-lic interest or by com-BRCA1 gene argues, in my view correctly, that human genes are the property of society at large.

In Britain the response to the issue has been much slower. Breast Cancer Care is supporting the US campaign, as is the Genetics Forum, a specialist group which campaigns against patical, campaigns against patical, campaigns against patical with the revolution in human special special

fact, campaigns against patents on life (including patents on plants and even animals) have been running for years. They have had

distasteful and unacceptable.

by Oswald Avery and Maclyn

McCarty in the 1940s who

showed that specific strains of bacteria can be trans-formed in culture to another

strain through treatment

with highly purified DNA from that strain. Subsequently, many others attempted to modify microorganisms by culturing them

in conditions rich with DNA

and RNA from other species

marily because the host or-ganism's genetic material

was intact, closed, and hence

inaccessible. But the identifi-cation of DNA as the trans-

forming principle resulted in

the focus of research on to its structure and, in particular,

nisms of coding which en-abled it to encrypt huge

amounts of structural

that in the 1950s the emerg-

ing infant science of molecu-

lar genetics was so obsessed

with the questions of coding

and structure that Marmur's

crucial discovery went unre-

any major way. As a successful academic who remained

in research and in advisory

bodies throughout his life, there is nothing to suggest

Marmur was born

Poland but emigrated with his family to Canada during

his doctorate in bacterial

physiology in the early 1950s. Already involved in the isola-tion and purification of DNA

and revealing unusual gifts

era. The result was a tri-

leaves a wife, Mildred, and

In retrospect it can be seen

information.

bitterness.

George Malcolm Thomson

Beaverbrook's sharpest pen

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Thomson's
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Thomson was complex, which Beaverbrook would Thomson following on horse-back taking notes. Thomson said it made him feel like Marshal Ney to Beaver-brook's Napoleon. Percy Cud-lipp retorted, "You mean hours a day for three months, he was rebuked by the Beaver for taking a day off. For all that, Thomson said it was the

This was an excellent quip but not the whole story. The other side of the coin would show Thomson as more like an eminence grise who knew what Beaverbrook was think ing five minutes before Beaverbrook did — and if he didn't like that thought he

would head it off at the pass. Unlike other Beaverbrook courtiers he was allowed the licence of a jester or a Shakespearean Fool to point out the Old 'Man's lapses from wis-dom. One example was when Beaverbrook as a government minister during the war for some reason had the idea of hiding aircraft in Winchester Cathedral. Thomson is credited with having squashed this bizarre enterprise. He was born in the 19th cen-

tury in Leith, and he fought in the first world war. After Edinburgh University he went into journalism and wrote two books about the history of Scotland. These impressed Beaverbrook, who installed him at the London Evening Standard reviewing books and writing paragraphs for the Londoner's Diary and the Sunday Express's Crossbencher column.

Thomson, who was quickwitted in every sense, soon learnt to mimic the Beaver-

Willis Conover

went with him as his princi pal private secretary. This made him a prototype Sir Humphrey of Yes, Minister. Throughout the war he stayed with Beaverbrook in various ministries and in the war cab inet, and he accompanied him on three trips to Washington and on his mission to Stalin in Moscow. Having worked 12

Thomson would write a leader which was in effect an interview with the proprietor. Sometimes it

verged on parody

After the war he returned to Fleet Street as chief leader writer of the Daily Express under the editorship of Arthur Christiansen, Edward Pickering and Bob Edwards, reviewer for the Evening

As chief leader writer he was always his master's voice, and with cynical indifference cheerfully admitted that he often wrote things he didn't agree with. He saw his role as that of an advocate learnt to mimic the Beaver-brook staccato style and was ghosting the Beaver's articles sively as possible. If you

Thomson was in constant contact with the Old Man. He would for example, phone with the details of the Chancellor's Budget speech. Beaverbrook would say "Yarss". or bark a curt phrase. Then leader which was in effect an interview with the proprietor. Sometimes the result verged on parody, a notion which the twinkle in Thomson's eye and his mischievous expression

did nothing to dispel.

His colleagues were in awe of his ability as a leaderwriter, but never more so than when he wrote from the heart. His leaders on the death of Churchill, and of Beaverbrook, are especially remembered. From time to time the Old

Man would go over the pages of his various newspapers. examining every item in detail. When he came to Osbert Lancaster's Pocket Cartoon he would ask, "What's the point of Osbert Lancaster?" This was difficult to explain to someone without a sense of humour. Thomson would reply that even if Lancaster appealed to only a few hun-dred thousand readers and was meaningless to the rest, he was (like Beachcomber) one of the things that made the Express distinctively different from its rival, the Dally

and ever-constant standby

George, with much love, admiration and deep gratitude

for his friendship and bracing company for many exhaust-

ing and apprehensive years!

Love, Osbert."
When he was awarded the

OBE at the age of 90 he com-

mented, "I thought they had

forgotten about me", but was

proud to have been awarded

it not for his journalism or

his political work with Bea-

verbrook but as an author. He

American music was not just a minority Interest

operation, conducted even in Britain via unreliable home-made crystal sets and the

ody Maker's US News

column, one of its beacons

was Willis Conover, presenter

of the nightly Voice of Amer

ica jazz programme, who has

over's measured baritone

would announce in a sort of

pronunciation, before a tren-

chantly syncopated piano fig-

ure introduced the full Duke

Ellington Orchestra and the

programme's signature tune,

Take the A Train. After a few

bars the voice would return,

keeping its stately cadence as

Anglophone countries: "This

is Willis Conover in Washing-

ton DC, with the Voice of

America Jazz Hour." And from Nottingham to Novosi-

A State Department-spon-

sored station, VOA was

beamed principally at the people's republics of eastern

Europe, where a fondness for hot rhythms and blues tonal-

ity constituted prima facie

evidence of deviancy. The

communist regimes hated jazz, recognising a symbol of spontaneity and self-expres-

sion. This made Conover a

front-line cold warrior (more effective than a squadron of B29s, they used to say) and his programmes a target for

defensive reaction.

died of lung cancer aged 75.

biographical.

Evidently Thomson swung the Old Man round to his point of view because in 1948 message congratulating him on a cartoon which was "as brilliant a piece of work as anything I have seen in the Daily Express."

Osbert Lancaster invented his initials but also for the to live to 101, which would May 20, 1996

The voice of jazz for 100 million listeners

the Pocket Cartoon. There are differing versions as to how much Thomson sustained it. The two of them often met at where an idea might emerge. Then there were occasions when Osbert would settle down in the office and be heard to groan, "Oh God, give me a joke." Then he would potter down to Thomson's room and chat about the day's news. After a while Osbert would say, "You've been no good to me." Thomson told me he could remember only once provid-ing an idea that was actually used in a Pocket Cartoon, but even one is an overestimate if we are to believe the introduction to Signs of the Times, in which Osbert expresses thanks to George Malcolm Thomson "for never failing to arouse the hope that he would one day prove a source of inspiration."
This badinage in no way concealed a strong mutual admiration and friendship. Osbert always referred to Thomcopy of Osbert's last book was inscribed "For my old friend

Courtly wit . . . Thomson played jester to the Beaver

latter interrupted by the activities of technicians pre-have sounded like a square,

and from the Coach and Horses in Hampstead. He inspired universal admiration and affection. In manner he was courteous, polite, unas-suming and puckish.

wrote about a dozen books, mostly historical or He enjoyed life. In a birth-day speech some years ago he As well as HMV he was GMT, so-called not just after said he would like to live for ever. It was his one ambition

secret bases in the Urals.

Without warning, the delicate

inventions of Miles Davis's

Flamenco Sketches or the

driving hard bop of Horace

disappear beneath a hail-

storm of static which might

last five minutes or, if the

spicuously vindictive, the

No doubt these offensives

could have been plotted against the curve of the White

House-Kremlin relationship.

And inevitably they did noth-

ing other than make an al-

ready exotic music seem even

more magically appealing to

those listeners - an esti-

mated 100 million worldwide,

30 million of them in commu-

nist Europe — doomed to lan-guish many thousands of

miles away from 52nd Street.

York State, the son of a serv-

ing soldier. He made his debut as a radio announcer

while at college in Maryland, and won his first professional

job in a talent contest. The

chance hearing of Charlie Barnet's famous version of

Cherokee led to his interest in iazz: a mainstream beginning

which led to an interest in

most styles and eras of a music then going through a period of often disconcert-ingly rapid evolution. He became a jazz disc-

jockey on a radio station in

Conover was born in New

rest of the week.

watch-setting precision of his | mean that he had lived arrivals and departures to through three centuries. "It's a simple ambition, rather childish," he said. Sadly it was not to be fulfilled. Even so, he made it to nearly 97, which isn't bad.

Richard Boston

swing of Les Brown and Artie

Shaw in the big band section

of his programme, but was just as likely to feature the

challenging music of John

Coltrane and Charles Mingus

in the pure-jazz segment later

Wary of the sort of relation-

ship with a government-run organisation that would inevitably lead to accusations of

being a Central Intelligence

Agency stooge, he maintained his distance by refusing a

staff position and operating

as a freelance contractor. On

the air he avoided any sort of

political content, realising

that the music spoke for it-self, both for and sometimes

against the system in which it

Married and divorced five

times, on the last occasion to

a listener from China, he con-

tinued to broadcast while his

cancer was being treated. Unlike the BBC World Ser-

vice, the VOA could not be heard by the people of its own

country, which meant that

Conover was practically un-known in his homeland. But

elsewhere his name was as familiar as any president's; and surely no president earnt

more goodwill and gratitude outside his own shore.

born December 18, 1920; died

Richard Williams

had been created.

in the evening.

Julius Marmur

Giant leap in genetics

With Paul M Doty at Harvard University. the biochemist and geneticist Julius Marmur, who has died aged 70, made the unexpected biochemists, Marmur found distractful and macanatable and produce cross-species hybrids — the artificial creation of transgenic animals — an experimental pathway which, according to fellow biochemists, Marmur found distractful and macanatable discovery that after being pulled apart blochemically, strands of genetic material (DNA) possess the natural Yet his discovery, and Berg's triumph and warning, were preceded by many experiments attempting the transability to recombine into their correct functional form. fer of DNA.

The initial demonstration that DNA is the essential genetic material was confirmed

The significance of this discovery, on which much of modern genetic engineering and laboratory hybridisation now rests, was not grasped at that time even by the world's leading molecular genetics research groups. James Wat-son, who in 1953 with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins published the famous but then still hypothetical double-helix structure of DNA, acknowledges that Marmur's crucial discovery fell on scientifically unrecep-

tive ground.
It would be two decades before Paul Berg, working with bacterial genetic material and using bacteriophages (bacterial viruses) as carriers of DNA fragments, was able to show that DNA recombination and the spe-cific deletion and insertion of genetic material into an existing organism's genome is not merely possible but, within limits, a natural process. However, when the huge range of new possibili-ties became clear, including those of the transfer of gen-etic material from widely separated species — a process that is essentially unnatural — Berg rang the scientific alarm bells vigorously. In 1978 an emergency confer-ence called for the tight control of all experimental

Marmur, who by 1970 was professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the Albert Einstein College in the Bronx and deeply involved in new academic ex-perimental criteria, played a from McGill University. role with Berg and others in the subsequent framing of guidelines for the ethical conter's degree, travelling to Iowa State University to gain trol of all recombinant DNA techniques. The furore sim-ply confirmed that as in much of science, Marmur's THE days when Afromerican music was not gramme Pour ce qui aime le with hastening the desegregation of the city's nightclubs. He began his 40-year stint at the talk out he was credited with hastening the desegregation of the city's nightclubs. seemingly simple discovery that DNA strands will reasas an experimental scientist, he was invited to work at semble naturally, although only belatedly understood Harvard with Paul Doty, one and exploited, opened up a wide and challenging range of the most eminent blochem-ists and physiologists of the

very small print of the Mel-sumably operating from his taste was admirably non- of new options. Once it became possible to select fragments of DNA and insert them into the genetic material of a new host, then the loudly transpeted concept and practice of gene therapy could become reality. However, it also became possible to breach natural barriers

Anthony Tucker

two sons.

Julius Marmur, blochemist and geneticist, born March 22, 1926; died May 20, 1996

Birthdays

Rubens Barrichello, racing driver, 24; Craig Brown, satirist, 39: Juliet Campbell, dinlomat, mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 61; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, architect. 88; Rosemary Clooney, singer, actress, 68; Joan Collins, actress, 63: Denis Compton. cricketer, 78; Nigel Davenport, actor and trade unionist, 68; Walter Eltis, economist, 63; Marius Goring, actor, 84; Lord Grenfell, senior adviser, World Bank, 61; Graeme Hick, cricketer, 30; Anatoly Karpov, chess player, 45; Bel Littlejohn, columnist, 39; Humphrey Lyttelton, bandleader, broadcaster, 75; Lady Olga Mait-land, Conservative MP, 51; The Earl of Mount Charles, John Newcombe, tennis player, 52; Peter Preston, editorial director, Guardian Media Group, 58; Robert Sangster, racehorse owner and breeder, 60; Artie Shaw,

Death Notices

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the doctors at Alcor. In other words, the doctors much pre-fer living with their dead loved ones in their Here's how it works: At

Time for jazz... Conover at work on Voice Of America's Music USA programme

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So, if the idea of waiting for medical science to figure out how to reconnect your old dead head with a new live body sounds like your bag, here's what you need to do: First, get a good life insurance plan and sign up Alcor as the sole

beneficiary (this will help pay your rent during your future "downtime"). Then, die. Alcor handles the rest. There's a little open heart surgery to infuse your body with "antifreeze". A few medications and nu-

trients pumped into your system to stave off a fate worse than life-after-death. And then whammo!— it's off to Scottsdale for your refreshing 100-year, 320 degrees-below-zero-Fahrenheit liguid-nitrogen bath

While the cost — \$50,000 to \$120,000 — for a full freeze may sound prohibitive, 377 deathlefiers have signed up for the ultimate commitment.
This includes a slew of twenty somethings who have taken advantage of Alcor's "reduced rates for students"!

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Please stop

PETER Luft "I'm something of a depository now for people's concerns about inluences in the media, and I've had some of the most extraordinary pop music lyrics.

I tell you, they are pretty shocking, some of those lvrics." 2nd panel member: "Show us to it, Daddyola." Peter Luff: "It's a bit worse

teenage years switching from Washington during the war. Frank Tenot and Daniel Fili- When he began to promote

than that. I offer you the European disco version of Don't stop, Wiggle, Wiggle'. Extract from a Radio 4 programme, Young At Heart, which reported on a panel dicussion on Youth and the Media. Peter Luff, the antiporn MP, was on the panel.

Holy cow

IT HAS been reported recently in the Huntsville Times, USA, that a 10-year-old, 1,100lb Holstein cow has been found under extremely "weird" circumstances. Sue Pitts, the assistant State Di-rector for MUFON, from Huntsville, investigated the scene. She found an eight inch deep, six inch wide, eight and a half inch long incision at the base of the cow's neck. This is just the latest in an epidemic of cattle mutilations whose victims now number over 30

However, James Pittman

doesn't think that aliens killed his cow. He thinks that someone passed over his pasture, snuck through the night in a helicopter equipped with a silent motor, and started another spate of cow mutil-

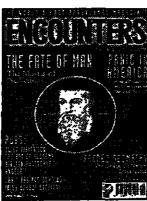
Since the discovery of this cow's body, another two have been found and even the sher iffs are beginning to believe UFOs may have been in-volved. They claim the incisions are too clean to have been caused by night time predators, and devil worship-pers have also been ruled out

Prayer school

FOR the past 21 years St Cassian's, Kintbury, has been the retreat par excellence for youngsters still at school. Fifty years ago, the De La Salle brothers first arrived at the spacious manor house with it's large grounds and but in 1975 it was the genius of Damien Lundy, hymn-writer used Songs of the Spirit folk collections, that cracked the

hard nut of how to give retreats to teenagers. Several thousand now come to Kintbury in school parties every year. One pupil went back saying, "Why can't all RE les-sons be like that?

What is the secret? One element is the presence on the team of young people who come for a year straight from school and bridge the gap be-tween generations. Another is the ambience of the prayer



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rooms: in one there are dozens of sagbags for sinking deep into meditaion; in another, for night prayer, candles and rues form a cosy space under the eaves. A big candle is passed from person to person and each prays from the heart about their own concerns.

jazz musician, composer, 86.

Written prayers left behind include: "I don't mean to be selfish but I would like to pray for myself... I don't know whether I am pregnant or not"; and "Dear Lord, I've just read a letter to you from another girl in Wales. She thinks she's pregnant. Lord, help her, guide her, I really feel for her.' The Tablet on the caring youth generation.

Wiry hair

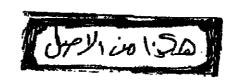
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NYONE betting on a third term for the International Monetary

would have been labelled a

It was in Madrid, remember, when a curious alliance of the developing countries

and Camdessus rose up against the dictates of the

Group of Seven richest

countries and rejected its plan for a selective increase

in IMF quotas — the loan ac-counts which nations hold at

the Fund. This rebellion, by one of the world's senior civil

servants, left the Americans

muttering about how he had

gotten above his station and

should consider his position.

Even the normally phleg-

Consortium withdraws £1bn buy-back plan after Granada decides against selling French chain

Sir Rocco drops hotels bid Mexican wave for Camdessus

lan King

IR Rocco Forte last night surprised the City by withdraw ng his £1 billion bid to buy back part of his old hotel empire from Granada, after Granada decided against selling Meri-dien, its French hotel chain. Sir Rocco, who had assem-bled a consortium to bid for Meridien, along with certain luxury hotel assets formerly owned by his Forte group, said he had "no interest" in bidding for the luxury hotels

Last night, a spokesman for Sir Rocco said he was inter-

ested only in buying a "package" of the Meridien and lux-ury hotel assets, and that therefore he would not be tabling any bids to Granada. Earlier, Granada itself sur-prised the City by performing its second U-turn on Meri-dien, announcing that it in-

tended to keep the business "for the immediate future". Granada, which won Meridien as part of its £3.9 billion acquisition of Forte in January, had said during the con-test that it would sell the busi-ness. Even carlier it had

as Granada began the biggest-ever sale of some of the

world's most glittering hotels, announcing that it had complewd its appraisal of Forte's luxury hotel assets, and confirming that most were for sale. Granada shares fell 10p to 814p on the news.

The 17 hotels, the sale of

which will be supervised by Granada's financial adviser Lazard Brothers, are expected to fetch at least \$200 million.
They include London's Grosvenor House Hotel thought to be worth at least £450 million; the George V in ness. Even earlier it had insisted it would keep Meridien.
News of the volte-face came
Ritz in Madrid; the Eden in Rome; and the Sandy Lane in

Waldorf Hotel, which has been rebranded under the Meridien marque.

Granada chairman Gerry Robinson said the company more value for shareholders by keeping Meridien, and significantly improving their performance" than it would by selling them. But Charles Allen, Gra-

nada's chief executive, denied that the group's decision to keep Meridien was a U-turn. He said: "The decision will disappoint a lot of people, as we have received a lot of en-quiries, but we are coming from a position of strength.

there's a lot of potential there. and that we can realise it."

Mr Allen said that he experted most of the luxury hotels to be sold on an indi-vidual basis, although he said there was scope for a few of

them, such as the Westbury in London and New York, to be sold as a "sub-brand".

Apart from Sir Rocco, Gra-

nada's decision to retain the Meridien will come as a dis-appointment to several of the would be buyers thought to have been interested in the chain, including American hoteliers Marriott and ITT-Sheraton and French group

up for sale by its original owner. Air France, in 1994. However, Marriott is still thought to be interested in buying some of the luxury hotels, along with Saudi investor Prince al-Waleed Bin Ta lal, and the Sultan of Brunei's younger brother. Prince Jefr Bolkiah, who already owns

Asprey, the royal jeweller.

But Sir Rocco confirme last night that he would not be bidding for any of the lux-ury hotels, and would be concentrating now on other "op portunities. A spokesmar said his consortium, which includes several top names in

Alex Brummer the notel business, had "all sorts of ideas bubbling". Fund's managing director, Michel Camdessus, in the aftermath of the Madrid

Welsh fear losing out on investment as Forysth plans Korea move

WILLIAM Hague, Welsh Secretary, probably had his eye on the more distant goal of Korea when he opened a new factory for Taiwan's Ringtel Electron ics in Cwmbran, Gwent yesterday, writes David Gow. His Cabinet colleague, Michael Forsyth, is in the Far East trying to win a £1 billion investment creating 4,000 jobs for Scotland.

Two weeks ago BBC TV sent Welsh hopes soaring that the investment, by LG (ex-Lucky Goldstar), was definitely going to New-port, just down the road from Cwmbran. But its report turned out to be premature and Wales fears its hopes have gone north. Mr Hague said: "Prema-

ture speculation never helped. Obviously, there are long and tricky negotiapeople not to celebrate any-thing until we've actually to pipe down about it until, bopefully, at one point we will have something to say

PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN

matic and even-tempered Mr Camdessus appeared shaken and the widespread assumption was that he might not

even be allowed to complete his second term. Then Mexico came galloping to the While a lesser person might have panicked, Mr Camdes-sus showed admirable skill, together with the US Trea

sury, in marshalling the big gest rescue package ever mounted, raising some \$17 billion in a matter of weeks. Disaster on the global Europeans complained about not being consulted and the Frenchman suddenly became the US pin-up.
It was Mr Camdessus's

done it ... I think the best handling of the Mexican cri-thing now is for everybody sis and the subsquent reforms of the IMF which effectively gave him a lock on a third IMF term if he wanted it. There was no shortage of other candidates, including the Italian central banker (turned politician) Lamberto Dini and Britain's Sir Nigel Wicks. As well as securing a third term Mr Camdes also has the comfort of knowing that, should a further emergency arise, the IMF will not immediately be short of

Agreement has finally been reached on an expansion of the IMF's borrowing capacity to \$50 billion through the General Arrangements to Borrow, ending a discussion on the global economic architecture which has dragged on since the Mexican crisis.

Lloyd's yanked

ORE skulduggery at Lloyd's of London. Well, in the US actually. It seems that persons un-known have sent forged letters to some Californian ask the company some Names falsely telling them that meetings set up by the Association of Lloyd's Mem-feet, sending Granada shares bers have been cancelled. The

ALM, which plans to use the meetings to tell the names about Lloyd's £3.1 billion rescue plan is outraged by the "attempted sabotage" which

it suspects has been carried out by other US Names. This is symptomatic of the wider problem facing Lloyd's in the US. The difficulty is that the 2,700 US Names are claiming they were lured into joining Lloyd's on false pretences because they were un aware of the huge liabilities (ironically mainly US asbesto-

is and pollution claims). Eleven US States have initiated legal proceedings against Lloyd's. Hostilities are on hold while talks continue. The most extreme Names are demanding that Lloyd's restore them to the financial

they joined the market. Lloyd's insists that this will not derail its recue plan. But the revelation that the

US Justice Department for New York has sent a 42-ques-tion survey to Names to find out if they were defrauded when joining the market indidetermined to fight this. Lloyd's insists there was no

fraud - the US Names knew very well they could make osses as well as profits when they joined — and the rescue plan will not crash. Nor is it likely to proceed without the US Names because that would eave them in litigation.

But that does not mean that the US Names will end up with the same deal as the UK Names. By continuing to be difficult they could well force Lloyd's to make them a better

Meridien switch

one of Britain's more decisively managed blue-chip companies, is starting to look positively schizophrenic in its attitude to the

Meridien Hotels chain. Yesterday, Granada chairman Gerry Robinson said th group would be hanging on to Meridien for the "immediate future", thus completing a volte-face on the group's stated position during the later stages of its £3.9 billion assault on Forte.

The decision has several implications, not just for Granada, of which the most sig-nificant is the way in which companies conduct themselves in bid situations. It is understood that during its bid for Forte, several institu-tional shareholders told Granada they were uneasy about its annarent keenness to keen Meridien, and pushed for a change. Sure enough, Mr Robinson

and his colleagues — who needed to keep the City's in-stitutions sweet to sub-underwrite a raised bid in the clos ing stages — obliged. On the day the bid was increased Granada said Meridien was up for sale.

It may well be that Granada is able to revive profits at Meridien more effectively than another buyer. But City institutions are entitled to down 10p to 814p.

raised over **Cuba trade**

Clinton ire

The US is standing firm in row with western allies over Castro, reports **Larry Elliott** in Paris

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HE Clinton administration was last night refusing to back down after the leading in-dustrial nations united to condemn America's unitateral trade sanctions against western companies that do business with Cuba. Washington made only a token effort to defuse the row

as it became clear that some of America's strongest allies — including Britain and Can-ada — were prepared to retal-iate against US firms and es-calate the dispute into a fullscale trade war.

After protracted behind-the scenes wrangling, the US reluctantly accepted the inclusion of a clause in the final communique from the twoday meeting of the Organisa-tion for Economic Co-opera-tion and Development which called for trade disputes to be settled by the World Trade Organisation.

However, Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's committee of economic advisers, stressed that the US was in no mood to retreat. was in no mood to retreat.

He said Washington's willingness to discuss the sanctions in a variety of international forums should help to allay the fears of its allies. "But terrorism affects all countries. We hope more countries will join in to take

international action against rogue regimes".

The US said that the case made by other OECD nations had it expressed concern at the "heinous actions" of ing of the WTO in Singapore.

der, acts of terrorism and thwarted international

Ministers from other countries were outraged by the will also recognise char terms of the Helms-Burton global economic power. law, which was forced on President Clinton by the right-wing Congress after the downing of a civil US jet by Cuba in March. The sanctions right-wing Congress after the downing of a civil US jet by Cuba in March. The sanctions include the withdrawal of US Mexican capital crisis. visas from foreign businessmen whose companies trade with Cuba and the right of US firms to sue foreign compa nies in the American courts if they occupy buildings in Cuba which are confiscated

by the Castro regime. Art Eggleton, said the American action was a violation of international law and "unac-ceptable". He added that Ottawa had legislation in place which would hit back at the US if Canadian firms were damaged by the Helms-Bur-ton measures.

Senior British officials in Paris said the Americans had been left in no doubt" about the strength of feeling and pledged to use the clause in the OECD communique to keep up the pressure on the

The document said that ministers agreed to work together "to strengthen the confidence in and credibitiy of the multilateral trading system by taking trade and investment measures that would be in contradiction with World Trade Organisation rules and OECD codes". The row over Cuba diverted attention from a rearguard action by the British delega-tion, which toned down the commitment to link trade and labour standards in develop-

rogue regimes".

The US said that the case made by other OECD nations would have had more force the issue to be debated at this regimes that committed mur- but the UK refused to agree.

IMF emergency loan boost widens circle of global finance leaders

Alex Brummer Financial Editor

HE leading industrial countries are today ex-pected to give formal apemergency borrowing facility for the International Monetary Fund in a move which will also recognise changes in

The new facility comes after 15 months of tense nego-The plan to bolster the

Fund's resources emerged as pressed by his stewardship of out Britain in 1977. Members the leading industrial the Fund at a time when it of the G10, including Switzer

countries announced that Milhas faced major challenges in land, will contribute some chel Camdessus, managing dila changing world economy. I 75 per cent of the doubled borrector of the IMF, had been appointed for an unprece dented third term.

The 63-year-old former gov ernor of the Banque de France is widely credited with steering the global economy through last year's crisis of confidence in the emerging markets of Latin America and integrating the Russian econ-omy into the Western market

The choice of Mr Camdessus drew the support of the US, Britain and Germany. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke said: "I have been most im-

am looking forward to a fur-ther period of his vigorous leadership."

There had been speculation in Washington that if Mr Camdessus decided to stand down the job might go to Sir Nigel Wicks of the UK Treasury, or the former Italian central banker and prime minister Lamberto Dini. The Group of Ten indus-

trial countries, meeting in Paris, will put the finishing touches today to expanded General Arrangements to Borrow, the emergency facility which was last used to bail

rowing facility. The remaining 25 per cent will come from a group of

countries including Austria, Australia, Spain and Singapore, recognising their in-creasing role in the global economy. Saudi Arabia is also expected to be part of the new arrangement. The new members will have

the right to be consulted before any credits are advanced, giving them greater official recognition in global finance. The facility is not seen as a substitute for more permanent expansion of IMF resources through a capital

\$19 billion (£12.5 billion) a

Watchdogs bite in Britain and US

Electricity firms fail to issue codes of practice that would assist customers on low incomes

THREE privatised electric-ity companies were repri-manded by their regulator yesterday for failing to pro-tect the interests of customers, writes Simon Beavis.
Scottish Power and its

newly acquired subsidiary.
Manweb, were castigated along with Northern Electric for failing to complete codes of practice on billing low-in-come customers and dealing with those who have payment difficulties. Professor Stephen Little-

child, director-general of Offer, said that seven of the 12

regional electricity compa-nies had some way to go to complete the codes but Northern. Scottish Power and Manweb had not completed any. "This shows a disappoint-

Scottish Power has boasted that the merger with Manweb last year would improve service standards and efficiency.
Northern Electric spent the
early part of last year fending
off a hostile bid from Trafal-

The new codes of practice The new codes or practice cover areas such as use of repayment meters, late payers, service for the elderly and disabled, and efficient use of power.

British Gas also faced fresh condemnation from one of its watchdogs yesterday for claiming that planned price controls on its TransCo pipelines business would jeopardise safety.
Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers Council.

accused the company of "frightening" the public with unproven safety warnings. "British Gas still has a monopoly of supply and trans-portation; with it goes a duty to maintain people's confi-dence, not to scare them," he

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work in the near future," he | Toys 'R' denies that embargo on discount Barbie dolls is ploy to keep prices high

> THE US government yesterday accused Toys 'R'
> Us. the world's biggest toy retailer, of using its market power in America to stifle competition and keep prices high, writes Mark

Tran in New York.
Toys R' Us, according to the Federal Trade Commis-sion, told manufacturers it would not carry some of their popular toys if these were also shipped to deep-discount retailers. The decision by the five FTC commissioners follows

a two-year investigation into the toy industry. At issue is whether Toys 'Given that behaviour, 'R' Us used its market power to prevent popular tion to the industry, we toys such as the Barbie doll from reaching its discount

year toy retail industry in the US. The company, based in Paramus, New Jersey, has also established a substantial presence in the UK. The group vowed to "vig-orously contest" any FIC charges. Chief executive Michael Goldstein defended the chain's right to reject merchandise offered by the warehouse stores. "The FTC doesn't have a case." he said.

He argued that his company spent millions of dol-lars to help promote, de-velop and market toys, only to see discount shops "come along during the six weeks before Christmas, without

making any such invest-ment, and select the few bottest-selling items". Discounters, Mr Goldstein said, sold popular toys at or below cost before the holiday season to draw customers into their shops.

have told manufacturers that we reserve our unques-tionable right to refuse to Toys 'R' Us accounts for carry the same items as more than a fifth of the warehouse clubs."

350 jobs go as Liberty shuts branches in profits drive

Roger Cowe

BERTY, the upmarket retailer of fabrics and furnishings, is to shut all its branches in the UK at the cost of 350 jobs as part of a wide-ranging shake-up aimed at restoring profitability. It will concentrate retail ac-

tivities on its famous half-timbered store in London's Regent Street, and a number of airport shops. Liberty also has a joint venture selling Japanese products, with four shops trading as Muji.
The troubled company.

which returned to profit in the first half of the financial year, announced yesterday that the closing down sales would start on June 6 and most of the 20 stores around the UK are expected to close

by the end of August.
The closures will cost £5 million and are part of a wide- profits in recent years.

ranging review of the business which was announced in

Liberty said yesterday that there would be other "substantial exceptional provi-sions required for the repositioning of the company". These will be revealed on June 7, along with results for the year.

The shake-up follows the appointment last year of Denis Cassidy as chairman. Last month, Mr Cassidy, who had een chairman of the Boddington pub group, replaced Liberty's chief executive with Ian Thomson, formerly with announced that former Boddington finance director Andrew Garety had become Liberty's finance director. Their review concluded that Liberty's expansion in the 1960s had been a mistake. The group has made minimal

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Shareholders aim barrage of abuse at Daimler elite

AIMLER-Benz, Germany's biggest in-dustrial group, held meeting in Stuttgart vester day amid unprecedented shareholder unrest over re-cord losses, allegations of executive deceit and a battle with a former supervisory board member over plans to shed another aerospace sub-

Jürgen Schrempp, the flam-boyant Daimler chief, receiving a baptism of fire at his first agm as board chairman. told some 10,000 shareholders in Stuttgart: "There is no doubt that the months just elapsed are among the most dramatic in the more than 100 years' history of our firm." But he promised they would soon be proud of the company

once again.

The board and supervisory board were treated to contemptuous accusations of failure by militant small shareholders keen to see heads roll. At last year's annual meet-Schrempp's predecessor, said that 1995 would see either

growing, or at worst stable,

Schrempp forecast losses of DM1.5 billion (£660 million). DM5.7 billion, the largest in German corporate history, and, for the first time in liv-ing memory, there was no dividend for shareholders.

As a result, disgruntled small shareholders filed suits against Mr Reuter, who was sacked last February, Mr Schrempp and Hilmar Kop-per, head of Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest commer-cial bank and Daimler's biggest shareholder and chair-man of the Daimler super-

Mr Schrempp told share-holders that Mr Reuter's last annual report was based on a medium-range plan approved by both executive and supervisory boards. Mr Reuter, he said, had

referred to worries that arose in the weeks before the agm. "Unfortunately, these turned out to be justified" — so the accusations were untrue. The past year has seen Daimler shed the Dutch aircraft manufacturer Fokker, a chronic loss-maker whose acquisition Mr Schrempp mas-

It has also broken up and above closed most of the AEG house lion.

firm Fairchild.

Thirty motions critical of the Daimler elite were tabled yesterday. In addition to alle-gations of incompetence and abuse of position, there were complaints from environmen-

sales.
Mr Schrempp, who insists he is cutting Daimler down to value", said Mercedes, the car division, was achieving a return on capital far above the 12 per cent he set as a tar-

were the priority, promising unspecified measures to improve them, and "a positive result" for 1996. "This company is once

again on the way toward regaining the earnings strength that justified its out-standing reputation for many Daimler reported sales to April this year up 9 per cent at DM32.11 billion, with Mr Schrempp saying he expects 1996 turnover to be "clearly



Not paying dividends . . . Jürgen Schempp defends Daimler-Benz directors at a meeting of 10,000 shareholders in Stuttgart

Industry is going green but with reservations

Roger Cowe on how managers want tougher policing of laws

rig fiasco last year and new legislation have helped to push environmental issues way up the corporate agenda.

As a result, many top executives are now going beyond legal compliance, despite worries about cost and poor understanding of business benefits from en-vironmental initiatives. They are not worried about the rising tide of green laws, but do want tougher policing of regulations.

These are the main findings from a survey* of business environment trends, published yesterday, which suggests that an internal momentum has developed in many businesses that is sustaining developments despite the disappearance

of the "green consumer".
"Seventy per cent of mangers were more interested in environmental issues than a year ago. That is an the Green Alliance, the lobbying group which was one of the sponsors of the survey. "This could translate into companies trying better to understand societies' val-ues. It may enable compa-London NWI.

COURTAULDS, the chemicals group, is negotiating long-term contracts with leading suppliers in order to

reduce the price volatility that resulted in a 13 per cent fall in 1995 profits, which

Sipko Huismans, retiring

as chief executive, said the acrylic and viscose fibre busi-

where it started. Wood pulp, the raw material for viscose, rose in price from \$500 per tonne to \$1,200 before return-

Mr Huismans said; "It is no

way to run an industry for grown-ups." His designated

successor, Gordon Campbell

said the company already had two agreements linking pur-

chase prices to selling prices.

as well to avoid the kind of volume.

were reported vesterday.

Roger Cowe

environmental policy forward more quickly than governments can.

The research shows that

But cost remains a big stumbling block, along with a lack of awareness of the paybacks green investments can bring. Ms Hill linked these two

factors, suggesting that greater awareness would make it clear that the cost lower, and the benefits higher, than many execu-

tives expect.
She also drew attention to the attitude of business to environmental laws. The survey found that almost threequarters of executives do not believe legislation is too onerous, while more than half think enforcement is not tough enough. "The Government is aller-gic to regulation, but that is not something that rings true to business. In fact, there may be areas where

businesses would welcome regulation." Chris Farman, managing astounding rate of in-crease", said Julie Hill of sultancy which co-sponsored the research, said it want stricter enforcement. *UK Business and Environ ment Trends Survey, pub-

volatility we have seen. It is an industry trend, but it needs a shock like we had last

£151 million to £131 million.

The coatings and sealants division reported a £10 mil-lion profit rise to £71 million.

capacity. A fourth plant will be added in the Far East, following expansion in Grimsby and Mobile, Ala-

Courtaulds is planning a

marketing campaign to stim-ulate consumer interest in

Tencel, which is available in

clothes ranging from jeans to cocktail dresses. But the pub-

licity will not appear until autumn 1988, when the extra

bama.

"It's good for the suppliers makes Tencel available in

Volatile prices cause cash

evaporation at Courtaulds

Bass notes rumour but plays up heady brands

OUTLOOK/ Surprisingly strong results allow brewer to deflate pressure on beer deal, reports Pauline Springett

ter than expected, the City was happy and the boss was keen to talk about the good bits .. the hotels and the beer.

So it was a shame that chairman and chief executive the greater interest is Sir Ian "I cannot comment on likely to lead to a majority of large companies adopting environmental policies, carrying out audits, vetting greener as turning greener as the Broat Snaw oil carls and publishing carlsburg Telley from Allied progress of the purchase of t

> "I read the rumours with great interest and I under-stand why they exist," said Sir Ian. "We are, after all, financially very strong and will be spending £600 million on capital expenditure this year. Obviously we can buy things without a problem."

Brewing experts believed, said Sir Ian, that consolida-tion within the industry was inevitable if the average rate of return was to be increased. It was, he suggested, a logi-cal extension of such thinking to believe that Bass was manoeuvering to snap up Carls-berg Tetley. But, he said, the real growth in profits for the

brewers was in brand Witness, he said, the huge success of Caffrey's Irish Ale, March 1994 and which was now the company's third most valuable brand.

Other Bass brand suc-cesses, added Sir Ian, in-cluded the premium lager Grolsch, whose sales grew by 44 per cent in the first half of the year, and the recently launched alcoholic lemonade. the controversial Hooper's Hooch.

HE results were bet-ter than expected, the quaintly described in Bass's own brochure as "the UK's first and leading alcoholic carbonate, this refreshing holic beverage)".

It has, suggests the com-pany, been "substitutional for

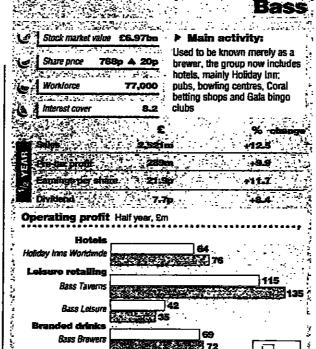
The upshot of this is that

Bass is planning to launch more branded drinks. But, as those who have been paying attention will have noticed, it does not mean that the Carlsberg Tetley acquisition is off Bass's

In fact the market had partly expected the purchase to be announced along with the half-year results. It is a deal which appears to suit all parties. Allied Domecq, half owner of Carlsberg Tetley. the UK's third largest brewer, is believed to be keen to sell

Carlsberg is understood to have been considering exchanging its stake in the joint venture for a minority stake in Bass. The difficulty, it appears, lies not with the parties but with the Office of Fair Trading. The combined market

share of Bass and Carlsberg Tetley would be around 40 per cent. Consequently, it seems likely that the OFT may be pushing for Bass to dispose of some of its tied pubs, something Bass would probably refuse to accept without a fight.



the issue was more than nor-mal business reticence surrounding a deal which may be in the throes of extremely delicate discussion.

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It also appeared to be an at-tempt to stress that although Carlsberg Tetley might in deed be a wise buy, it is not essential for the future wellbeing of the company.

If so, it is a stance which the figures generally bear out. All the divisions except the leisure retailing operation, which runs the betting, bingo halls and clubs, showed im-proved profits. Even here, Sir Ian refused to be too down-

Hooch.

If the insiders are to be beat.

Now also available in orlieved, the negotiations have ange and blackcurrant flat reached fever pitch. But Sir taken quite a battering," he out of steam yet.

lan's decision to play down | said, although he stressed the division, which had been hit by competition from the cards, as well as the severe winter weather, was showing

1996

The big success story, apart from the pubs, was the hotel franchise Holiday Inns. Mainly based in the US, it benefited from the addition of new hotels to the franchise, and the weeding out of others, as well as the upturn in the fortunes of the hotel industry generally.

Some 516 more hotels are in line to join the franchise and f Bass can maintain this momentum, this part of the business shows no sign of running

Underside

Roger Cowe

T'S TOUGH getting idioms right in a foreign tongue. Hans Allders, a continental official from year to get it going."
As a result of price volatility, profits in the fibre and chemicals division fell by more than a quarter to £58 million, causing a reduc-tion in group profits from the UN Environment Programme, attempted to praise British business the other night by saying the other hight by saying the country was shedding its image as "the dirty old man of Europe". Since he was talking about environmental matters, he probably meant "dirty man". But on the other hand, given Inderside's recent chemical industry emerged from recession.

The price of acrylonitrile tripled before falling back to a level only slightly above where it started. Wood puln the raw material Underside's recent experi-ence of Human Resource executives (reported last

ARKS & Spencer's deputy chairman. Keith Oates, was unusually voluble at the annual results presenta-tion. An air of less-thanusual reverence has crept into his attitude to the boss, perhaps since it became ap-parent that he may be deputy chairman for some time, following chairman efforts in that direction, Sir Richard Greenbury's which failed to ease the

leagues are always trying to restrain me."
"Not with much success," interrupted Oates, to gen-

TS rough at the top, as Sunday Times business section editor John Jay is discovering. Jay was recruited from the Sunday Telegraph last year after Jeff Randall moved temporarily into PR. Now Ran-dall has returned as an associate editor with the right to roam anywhere through the ST's pages, a column rivalling Jay's on the business pages, and reportedly a direct line to proprietor Rupert Murdoch. After a few weeks of this creative tension, Jay is apparently feeling the

ALKING of top jobs, will David Peretz get the number two slot at the OECD? He is our man at the Treasury responsible for relations with such international bodies, and is being pushed strongly. But it is rumoured he may well fall foul of the Government's previous strenuous reappointment for another five years. At one point Sir kichard observed: "My col- the OECD top slot. mains gas at all at present. on their boots, after all.



OBERT Dunkley, of computer services giant Hoskyns, warned yesterday that com-**CCIDENT-prone** Allied Domeco set off on its latest adventure panies competing in the gas market were not investing vice. But some are invest-ing too much. Kinetica, the joint venture between PowerGen and Conoco, has recently focused its marketing campaign on an obscure corner of south-west Wiltshire. Its mallshot promises gas supplies at 20 per cent less than British produce 8 million gallons a Gas, which sounds pretty year. An executive exgood to the residents of plained: "Russian people cat ice cream throughout which isn't connected to the year." So it wasn't snow

EMONSTRATIONS at annual meetings are commonplace these days. So Alfred McAlpine, the construction group, could hardly be blamed for taking on extra security at its agm yesterday, espe cially since environmental ists have recently acquired shares. McAlpine has been one of the main contractor: on the controversial New bury bypass, the focus of our biggest environmental

In the event, the men in the hard hats need not have panicked. Only four shareholders, all grey-haired men in tweed jackets, bothered to turn up.

this week, selling ice cream to the Russians. This is the group which recently blamed bad weather in the southern states of the US for poor results from its Baskin-Robbins subsidiary.

Ex-tycoon guilty of fraud conspiracy

FORMER property tycoon Simon Fussell and ex-stockbroker Rudi de Mendonca were yesterday found guilty of conspiracy to defraud a property group after being charged by the Serious Fraud Office in connection with an investigation into the now defunct Norton motorcycle maker. Mr de Mendonca was also found guilty of two charges of forgery. Both men have been remanded on bail for sentencing at

Southwark Crown Court on June 21. The case centred on the sale of a property called Exide House from property company Priest Marians Holdings to furniture company Minty. Mr Fus sell was a shareholder of both companies and also chairman of

The SFO said Mr Fussell had made a "secret and dishones profit" from the sale of Exide House because it was sold to a fictitious person before being sold to Minty. In the interim, a lease was created at a premium of £650,000. — Pauline Springett

Director awaits IR move

GRAEME McCallum, one of the two directors of construction group Alfred McAlpine arrested last Thursday, said yesterday that he was hoping to hear details on possible charges he may face McAlpine director Eric Grove, was speaking after the group's annual meeting in London.

During the meeting, outgoing chairman Sir John Milne refused to say anything about last week's events, reiterating that the arrests — which followed Inland Revenue inquiries — were related to "personal matters". He reported, however, that current trading was "in line with expectations", adding that margins remained under pressure. — Ion King

William Hill write down

BRENT Walker, the crashed 80s conglomerate formerly run by George Walker, the crashed 80s congiomerate formerly run by George Walker, yesterday stunned the City by writing down the value of William Hill, its betting chain, by £269.7 million to £427.9 million. At the same time, Brent Walker said operating profits at William Hill had fallen by 25 per cent, to £51.2 million, mainly because of the National Lottery.

Brent Walker is also writing down the value of its Pubmaster pubs estate by £17.9 million, although profits improved at the chain from £13.3 million to £16.3 million. Overall, before interest pubsers were taken into account Brent Walker made a profits in the chain from £13.3 million to £16.3 million.

payments were taken into account. Brent Walker made a pre-tax loss of £251.5 million against profits of £45.6 million the previous year. However, interest payments swelled this to £409.3 million, while the group's debts now stand at £1.5 billion. The shares closed down 1/2 p at 2 hp. — Ian King

Developer's spending peaks

LAND Securities, Britain's biggest property company, said yes-terday that its spending on developments would peak this year. Speaking as the company announced a slight fall in full-year pre-tax profits, from £244.7 million to £238.7 million, chairman Peter Hunt said the likely cost of the programme would be around

Commenting on the results, Mr Hunt said the levels of rental growth the group had expected had "failed to materialise", adding that rental growth had generally been "patchy". However, he said there had been a more significant improvement in rents at retail warehouses, a sector in which Land Securities now has a portfolio worth over £517 million. Its shares fell 2p to 641p on the

Consumer contracts boost

THE Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has taken action against more than 280 companies for including unfair terms in consumer contracts. The OFT has received more than 700 complaints from consumers and trading standards officers about unfair terms since last July when new European regulations on consumer contracts came into force.

According to an OFT bulletin published yesterday, the most

common unfair terms are "catch-all" clauses which are intended to exclude business from all liability from loss or damage even where caused by the companies' own negligence. In the majority of cases, the OFT has ordered companies to remove or amend the offending clauses. — Ion Wylie

Telecom jobs on the line

RON Sommer, chairman of Deutsche Telekom, Germany's soon-RON Sommer, chairman or Deutsche Telekom, Germany's soon-to-be-privatised telecom monopoly, provided grim news for sm-ployees yesterday when he said he expected to more than double operating profits to DM16.3 billion (27 billion) by 2000. Industry sources believe such profits growth could only be achieved by savage reductions in the workforce. Mr Sommer told the German magazine Capital that he expected the group's stock market launch in November to be more successful than currently expected. — Nicholas Bannister

Nintendo's game comeback

NINTENDO profits rose for the first time in three years, with the strengthening dollar more than compensating for a fall in sales.

Japan's top manufacturer of computer game players said that pretax profits for the parent company in the past financial year rose 19.8 per cent to 117.1 billion yen (£723 million). "Our profits got a lift from the dollar's rise," Hiroshi Imanishi, a managing director at Nintendo, said. The dollar's ascent from about 90 yen last year to 106 yen this year inflated Nintendo's profits by 30.3 billion

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represent the clubs with Don-ald Kerr and Sir John Hall, from television. Exactly how complained yesterday that the 63-man committee had not been made fully aware of the more flexible stance remains been made fully aware of the reasons behind the English Professional Rugby Union In fact. Clubs' demands for a fresh deal. The Leicester club's chief executive suggested that some misrepresentation of the demands had undermined trust between the clubs and RFU representatives.

"We don't think our argu-ments have been getting through to the committee be-cause of Cliff Brittle's nega-tive attitude, which brings everything to a halt," said Wheeler. "We are hoping to make the most of this unique opportunity to state our case and present the relevant

It will be the first time that the RFU's governing body, famously described by Will Carling last year as the "old farts", have come face to face with the principal movers and shakers in club rugby.

and shakers in club ruguy.

The Epruc delegation will spell out the nature of the adviser with the Courage adviser with the Courage side Sale and the making plans for next season without a properly funded agreement to carry them into

around 20 to 30 young men who at the moment have no firm basis on which to plan their future careers," said Wheeler, "That situation can-not be allowed to continue; the time for decisions is imminent." Wheeler believes there is

more sympathy within the RFU for the top clubs' special needs than Brittle's hard line response has seemed to indithe RFU executive, has reported back to Twickenham after negotiations.

emergency meeting, is thought to favour some form of positive discrimination in of positive discrimination in Wheeler, who will favour of Epruc members in

> In fact, the clubs have significantly toped down their original list of demands which would in effect have allowed the RFU only a consultative or watchdog role in the administration of the clubs' affairs.

> Epruc are now prepared to accommodate Twickenham's revised format for the Divisional Championship in No-vember and December; they will also take part in the RFU's condensed version of the European Cup instead of insisting on a schedule of matches at regular intervals throughout the season.
>
> The England No. 8 Dean

Richards has been re-elected as captain of the Leicester Tigers for next season. Richards, who has led Leicester in 90 matches, finished ahead of

league side Sale and the rugby league club Halifax, has joined Ireland's management team with the responsibility of developing a fitness Each club has in its squad | programme.

tures involve ACT, whose

performance in the Super 12

series was enhanced by a flood of imports, and New South Wales Country, tradi-

The Wallabies will not

choose their side until after Wales's match against ACT in Canberra, and they will have

only three days together before the opening

Alex Evans, the former Car-diff and Wales coach who is

now the Australian Rugby

Union's national director of

coaching, said: "Wales were a sorry sight in 1991 but they will be far more competitive this time and I anticipate a

close series. They played

some excellent rugby in the Five Nations and they will

command the respect in Aus-

The Wales coach Kevin Bowring is not setting any targets in terms of wins. "It will be a tough tour and I will

judge our success or failure by the manner of perfor-mances," he said. "We are

clawing our way up from the

bottom rung of the interna-tional ladder and will be com-

ing up against some of the best players in the world. We

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Wales beginning longest of hauls

David Plummer on a tour to restore tattered reputations

HEN Wales were last in Australia, in the dark days of 1991, they humiliated themselves on the field and disgraced themselves off it. As they have been constantly reminded in the weeks lead-

ing up to today's departure for an eight-match tour, they lost to New South Wales 71-8 and were then defeated 63-6 by Australia. Their bosts' surprise

which questioned why the tourists had not shown as much fight on the field. "It will be some time before we welcome Wales back," Terry Doyle, then the chief executive of the Queensland

union. Wales's results have not improved significantly since then - their victory against need to measure ourselves France in March ended a record run of eight consecutive championship defeats — but they have an optimism and It was announced yester-day that Volvo is, for the second time, to sponsor the China Open at the Beijing self-confidence not detected since 1988, when they last won the Triple Crown.

We are conscious that we have to restore our reputa-tion," said the captain Jonathan Humphreys. "What happened five years ago marked the nadir for Wales. Our standing was very low and it smattering of entries from is good to have a chance to the West. In last year's inaugural event Sandy Lyle When Wales first toured when Wales first toured

Australia and New Zealand they were given demanding itineraries, but world rugby's balance of power has long shifted. They will not be meeting Queensland and will play New South Wales four days before the first Test to the before the first Test so the provincial side will be shorn of their current Wallabies. The two internationals

the perfect tour for us."

Wales have toured New Zealand and Australia only twice before and their Test re cord stands at eight defeats out of eight.
"We have to make far more

major tours," said the WRU's coaching director Terry Cobner, who was captain on the 1978 tour of Australia. "Kevin and I are currently drawing up a five-year pro-gramme. We need to visit countries like Australia and New Zealand regularly. "We used to have a poor

reputation as tourists and were seen as home birds, but tours were relatively rare then. Australia five years ago marked the lowest point but there will be no repeat of what happened then. Our intention is to leave the Australians remembering us as com-petitive on the field and good apart, the other Saturday fix- to have a beer with off it."

Baird joins New York pact

D BAIRD, the world champion and world No. 1 match-racing skipper, has joined the New York's Yacht Club's attempt to return the America's Cup to the United

Pact 2000/NYYC challenge. Last week Baird finished third in the Brut Royal Lymington Cup behind Russell Coutts, who skippered the yacht that took the America's Cup to Auckland. Baird and Coutts will meet

again in next week's Brut Cup the announcement yesterday per, will also be competing.

Fresh start for new-look **England**

Mike Selvey on the much-changed team that begins a three-match one-day series against India today

build-up to the new
World Cup campaign
begins at The Oval
today with a shift in emphasis that many thought beyond those who manage English

cricket.

The shake-up, before the dust has settled on the postmortem file to England's disastrous World Cup, Has been stimulated by a recent record in limited-overs internationals of only three wins in 13 matches played this year, and one in 11 against Test-playing opposition.

England's tardy preparation for the last World Cup was pathetic. A seven-match series against South Africa ought to have provided an opportunity to settle on a side and strategy for the coming few months. Instead, coming

few months. Instead, coming as it did at the end of a hard Test series, it was seen as an unnecessary and tiresome ap-pendage. So England went to the World Cup with no idea of their best side or the way that the side would play, and returned none the wiser.
Suddenly, though, things have changed and in a big

way. Where once the Texaco series was seen as a moneyspinning pipe-opener to the summer's main Test event — something from which to gain the winning habit, but not a national disaster if it were lost — it has taken on the status of an event in its own right. England need to win for their own credibility and to start formulating their ideas

for the next World Cup, which is on home territory. A shake-up in the selection process has led to a broader debate and as a result eight of the 16 who played a part in the World Cup campaign have been jettisoned. The squad that will play today's match and those at Headingley on Saturday and Old Trafford on Sunday is a recognition of the way that the game has left the batting for India with England behind, and a such freedom and brilliance

Specialist batsmen or howlers, as advocated by Imran Khan after Pakistan's tri- the recent limited-overs umph in the previous World matches against Middlesex Cup, are not enough now: in- and Northamptonshire.

Becker out of

French Open

ORIS BECKER has pulled out of next week's French

Open because of a thigh injury. The 28-year-old Australian

Open champion tore a muscle

and had to pull out of yester

Tennis

NGLAND's four-year | field, bat inventively, run like demons between the wickets, and field like there is no and field like there is no tomorrow are the order of the day. This England squad would have made a better fist of things on the subcontinent. With the new regime, which includes a vibrant new coach in David Lloyd, comes the chance for new players—

Ronnie Irani, Mark Ealham and Alistair Brown, all in their mid-twenties and therefore with a long-term interest

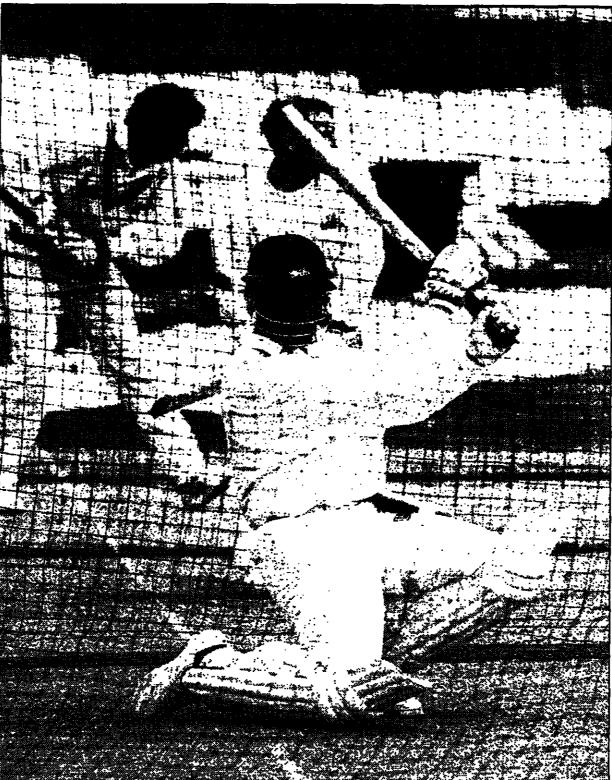
to establish themselves and for a couple of fallen stars, Chris Lewis and Matthew Maynard, to re-establish themselves in the new order.
The player from whom English cricket has most to gain is Lewis, the ultimate enigmatic cricketer. That he has the sort of talent beyond the dreams of most cricketers has never been in dispute; harnessing it has been another matter. But a change of English management and another move — he is at his third county now, and at last,

can prosper — will make or break him. Giving him an-other chance is to be applauded but he knows the stakes are high now and he will not get another. As one of the most uninhibited strikers of the ball in county cricket, Brown earns his chance in the wake of the vogue for top-of-the-order pinch-hitters in the World Cup and is an adventurous selection. One hopes, how-ever, that England are not

he says, has found an envi-ronment in which he feels he

one move behind the game. Already this season it has been shown that in English conditions, where the new ball seams more than in hotter climates and retains its shine longer, the fielding restrictions are not the encumbrance they were in India and Pakistan. Sachin Tendulin the World Cup, has found it necessary to graft for his runs at the start of the innings in

stead specialist one-day play- | Two players might not get a | India after the sorry World | however, remain about the | for Somerset in the mid-1950s, | Completes R Julian (Eng) and P With a damp game in | Cup semi-final in Calcutta | quality of their bowling, | is to replace the sacked Intik- (Eng). | Completes R Julian (Eng) and P With who bowl to order and to a | prospect — there is a threat of | when Mohammad Azharud- | which with the exception of | hab Alam as manager of Paki- | Master reference C Smith (West Indiae).



see little use for the spin of Neil Smith for any reason

If England have some credibility to claw back, so too do

showers — and The Oval din won the toss, inserted Sri pitch generally favouring pace, Mike Atherton might price. That his house is still see little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder; that he little use for the spin of standing is a wonder.

would point to Ealham, a tidy, intelligent bowler and biffing batsman, making his debut while Smith and Irani sit it out.

If England here rekar the batting remains for-midable and in form. Doubts,

India have a relatively settled side, though, and the only debate this morning will be which of Suarav Ganguly, an all-rounder, the spinner Sunil Joshi and pace bowler Paras Mhambrey plays. Paras in the springtime could be the MRM (Probable): Y Rathere, S R in the springtime could be the

answer.

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ers' Championship. She

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Since then Sunesson has

worked her way into the black while her boss has

International club from

May 30-June 2. The field will feature 144 profession-

als, most of them from the

Omega tour — the burgeon-ing Far East professional

tour — but there will be a

finished 39th.

Faldo becomes a laughing cavalier

David Davies

season yesterday. After winning a shoot out during mentioned it on the 18th tee the preliminaries for the and I immediately chipped the preliminaries for the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, the US Masters champion said: "This £15 down before she knew is the new me. It has it." dawned on me that my re-cord gives me this nice freedom to be more relaxed about my golf and also to worked his way into the

have a more aggressive spirit.

"Since winning the Masnow in its 21st season. spirit.
"Since winning the Masters I can have a free run at the rest of the season. I can put my record on the wall and no one can take it away from me." That record features six major champion-ships this year after "two years when I wasn't even

Faldo went on, after the Canon-sponsored shootout: "It's worrying when you are not winning. Since Augusta it's been a much nicer feeling than wondering what's still in you. Winning just makes me want to work harder."

worked out a routine for

sive attitude Faldo has

the country's only 18-hole course, the Moscow Country

The first properly consti-tuted Russian Open will also be played this year, on

practice rounds with Fanny

Sunesson, his caddie of six years. He has to pay her if he only pars a hole but she of £54,309 puts it in the top pays out for eagles and 10 on that tour.

Sacked caddie sues Ballesteros

released after only five weeks, during which time the Spaniard collected

wasn't needed. He offered week's wage. It took me a month to find another cad-

dying job.
"When I tried to hand Seve the writ he shook his head, muttered and refused

Club, from September 5-8. It features on the PGA

Ryder Cup captain was served with a writ for practice session at the Bentional in Oxfordshire. Jones claims Ballesteros

had promised him at least a year's work but he was

to accept it. I pressed it against his arm to serve it legally." Ballesteros has

The former shipping appearance.

£91,000 for winning last summer's Spanish Open.

Hopefully I will be back for the grass-court season."

• Monica Seles, playing on a
European court for the first time since a spectator stabbed her in Hamburg three years ago, survived five match points to defeat the Austrian Barbara Schett 3-5, 7-6, 6-2 at the Spanish Open in Madrid yesterday. Seles had not played since early February because of a shoulder injury.

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British Olympic coach resigns

on the inside of his right thigh in two places during his AVID WHITAKER has resigned as Great Brit-ain coach less than two defeat by Switzerland's Marc Rosset in his opening World Team Cup match on Monday months before the start of the Atlanta Olympics. The official day's singles against Sergi Bruguera David Prinosil was reason is that his business has grown enormously and he named as his replacement in Germany's round-robin group feels mable to give the coaching the attention it requires. match against Spain.
"I am extremely disappointed," said Becker, the He says his decision has been made possible by the successful way the manager David Whittle and the supthree-times Wimbledon champorting coaches, John Copp (Reading) and James Duthie pion who has never won a clay-court tournament "The (Surbiton), have developed. last six weeks' preparation on clay have been for nothing.

Richard Dodds, chairman of the GB Men's Olympic complicated personal life, hav-ing recently left his wife and

"Whittle now becomes the top man, Copp will be chief coach and Duthle team coach." Speaking at Bisham, where Whitaker . . . 'other business'

the team are training, he said Whitaker wanted to resign after the team qualified at Barcelona in January but he

ain's gold medal winners in unable to give a wholehearted commitment to the team. Besides his management consultancy he has a

was persuaded to stay on. Whitaker, 47, who became an OBE after coaching Brit-1988 and was under contract as a part-time coach until after these Games, has been

The officials who will take the team to Atlanta have borne the brunt before now. They will probably give players more individual coaching and press for a more attack ing game, but the loss of Whi-

taker's Olympic experience is a serious blow. A goal by Jane Sixsmith in the dying seconds enabled Britain's women to draw 1-1 with Argentina at Lilleshall in the second of two interna-Hockey Committee, said: moved in with Sue Slocombe, tionals. They lost the first 2-1.

Rugby League

Laughton accepts 'real world' as Spruce joins Bradford Bulls

Paul Fitzpatrick

STUART SPRUCE, the 25-year-old Widnes full-back, yesterday joined Bradford Bulls in a deal valued at £140,000. The Bulls have paid £120,000 in cash for Spruce and let the hooker Tommy Hodgkinson go to Naughton Park as part of the package. Hodgkinson joined Bradford for £20,000 from St Helens a

year ago. Spruce should prove a valuable acquisition for Bradford ane acquisition for Bradiord and his capture underscores the Bulls' rising stature and their determination to chal-lenge Wigan and St Helens as a leading Super League club.
Doug Laughton probably
exaggerated slightly yesterday when he said that this transfer was the first time he had sold a top player. But his

made some outstanding sign- O'Reilly. Smith played twice ings over the years, notably for Town this month.

"But we live in the real world," said Laughton, "and I can understand Stuart's position. We also have excellent back-up in Gary Broadbent and will be bringing a big-name player to the club for next season."

appearances for Widnes since joining them from the amateur club Widnes Tigers in 1990. He has played only once for Great Britain — against France in 1993 — but has been

his 1994-95 season and delayed his comeback well into the Centenary season. He was absent for 10 months and that cost him any chance of playing for England in the World referee the match under

Quinnell fit to face Bath

SCOTT QUINNELL, the weigh forward who from rugby union which he raided with impeccable judgment.

reverts to rugby union with Richmond next month, has recovered from a groin strain and will be fit for Wigan's cross-code return contest against Bath at Twickenham on Saturday, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.
Shaun Edwards, Wigan's

scrum-half, is doubtful, how-ever, and an unusual halfnext season."

Spruce scored 47 tries in 135

back pairing is likely in the youthful Craig Murdock and the veteran Joe Lydon, who has not been in the first team since November 1994. Lydon has been playing reg-

ularly for Wigan rugby union club's veterans. "My Zimmer frame has been polished and France in 1953 — our man tunlucky with injury.

Serious knee damage brought a premature end to brought a premature end to brought a premature end to side today or tomorrow and a side today or tomorrow and a surprise move may see Va'aiga Tuigamala in the

disappointment at losing such a brave, quick full-back was palpable.

Widnes's former Leeds coach was always happiest in a buyers' market and he has made some outstanding sign-

ka kangan maka 1975 wan alau ang mengapan mengapangkan kangan mengangkan ang anda pangan bangan 1996. Terbanggan laun an

SPAIN's Severiano Bal-lesteros is being sued for £14,000 by his former caddie Joey Jones. The Ryder Cup captain was caddle and coach so I breach of contract during a me a £400 pay-off — just a on and Hedges Interna-

Sailing

at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, which has joined the

Bob Fisher

Pact 2000, the technical team that was responsible for Young of San Francisco, when Paul

States three weeks to reply to the America in 1995 and has been Cayard, the St Francis Yacht writ and faces a court selected by the NYYC, made Club's America's Cup skip-

Dr Massini gets Derby call again

Chris Hawkins

R MASSINI, who looked doubtful for next month's Voda-fone Derby after he off-fore leg on Monday, is back in full training for the Epsom Classic on June 8.
A statement issued yester-

day by the colt's trainer Michael Stoute read: "Dr Massini has resumed his Derby preparation. Obviously, we now need a clear run up to the race and if there is any further hold-up I will inform the mublic the sent of the control of a clear of the mublic the mublic than to see his filly for Mark Tompkins and Philip Robinson, the combinator of the Goodwood yesterday.

Whitewater Affair will not the removal of a clear ing going to win the opening Metsa-Seria Maiden Stakes for Mark Tompkins and Philip Robinson, the combinator responsible for the 6-1 Derby chance Even Top.

Described as a horse that "has had niggling problems in the past" by his owner Michael Tabor, Dr Massini may not be the ideal type for the switchback Epsom track, with its usual firm ground. Rain could ease the going

this year and a limit of 30 runners, from 33, will make things marginally easier. There were no major sur-prises at the latest forfeit

stage for the Derby yesterday. Mile.

Mons, Silver Dome and King Interestingly, she is by the

Alex were not unexpected ab same sire, Machiavellian, as sentees from the 34 still stand- Tuesday's Predominate winsentees from the 34 still stand-ing their ground.

Bookmakers reacted post-tively to the news about Dr Massini, with Ladbrokes, who had quoted the unbeaten was found to be lame in his | colt at 41 with a run, later re-

introducing him as 5-1 co-favourite with Dushyantor and Glory Of Dancer. Stoute, who is recovering from a minor operation on Monday for the removal of a

Whitewater Affair will not be contesting the Oaks, John Greetham, her owner, stating a preference for the Ribbles-dale Stakes at Royal Ascot a choice influenced once again by the tricky Epsom track.

Ray Cochrane brought

Whitewater Affair with a strong run on the outside to win decisively from Shemozzle and she kept on well enough to suggest that she will stay an extra quarter



Fast forward \dots the blinkered Montserrat sticks his head out to win the sprint handicap at Goodwood yesterday

Stereo sounds a longshot

HAT price a Serbian Mr M Ivanovic and exported to the former Yugoslavia. Al-Vodafone Derby. Well, a though the fee due for the latsomewhat conservative 66-1 is est acceptance stage has not available with Hill's about the mystery horse in this year's Horseracing Board has no

This colt, who finished last cer until Monday June 3.

In his only start for Newmar
"This situation is not withon his only start for Newmar-August, is still in the race quence of the forfeit entry after yesterday's forfeit stage system," said Paul Greeves. despite having been sold to a racing director of the BHB.

power to remove Stereo Dan-

Top's progress since the Guineas. He worked very well over a mile the other day and I might send him a mile and a furlong on the round gallop but no farther than that -

than maiden winners are so

short in the betting," said

"I'm delighted with Ever

you don't want to strain

Even Top looks much more likely to relish a mile and a half than Mark Of Esteem and should really come into his own over middle-distances. Topanoora, his sire, won over a mile and a half while his dam was successful over a mile and three-quarters.

Dettori to bounce back with Sharp Rebuff

returns to action with five rides at Goodwood today after serving a 10-day ban and it should not be long before he is back amongst the winners,

His mount in the third race on the card is Sharp Rebuff (3.10), who showed

Dettori | his best form on softish | White in the Festival | ground last season. Conditions have come right for Peter Makin's five-year-old, who is quite possibly better than ever judging by his promising fifth behind Yeast in the competitive Victoria Cup at Ascot on his reappearance.

Stakes now that his origi-nal ride, Midnight Legend, has been pulled out owing to the change in the going. Lear White has soft-ground form in Italy last year and belied his 50-1 price with a creditable fifth behind Singspiel at San-

Maralinga (3.40), only his name, such as the St ninth in that race, has something to find with Lear White. But he is better well since his only outing lest judged on last season's Chester Vase, and he will strip fitter this time.

well since his only outing last year. Michael Stoute's form, which included a colt should go close here.

Close third to Luso in the Over the jumps at Utto Over the jumps at Uttoxeter, Stormtracker (7.00) looks a good bet to continue

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Rocky Oasis (4.45), who trainer Colin Weedon's fine has several fancy entries to | recent run of form.

Goodwood with guide to the form

4.45 Rocky Ozels (nb)

1 HATALIA BAY (10) F Colo 6-12 231; WAIT FOR ROSEE (3) M Cranton 6 1 HIL RHAPSODY (25) S Paling 8-8 52 WHEZZ KID (10) 1 Birdge; 8-8 HARCE POSSER 7 Hamon 8-4 RELIKION J Hills 8-4 TOP FORM TIPS: Natatia Bay 8. Walt For Roale 1 2.40 PULLMAN FOODS HANDICAP 1m 4/ 27,505

4-U-PULLIAN FOODS HARDSCAP 1m 4F F7,605

(420-12 TAIPAN (18) (D) J Duniop 4-10-0

(006-10 LOBERARDIC (18) (D) Mrs J Ceci 5-9-10

(0309-1 BDYAL SCIBITAR (12) (D) P Cole 4-9-8

4-456 BARDON RILL BOY (12) B Harbury 4-9-0

4-1609-1 BIT ON THE BIDE (40) (D) N Berry 7-9-13

2-0155 PROCEESSION (9) (CD) C Mirray 5-8-1

11-230 OPERA BUSF (15) (D) Ca, Kellensy 5-8-1

240-60 CHATHAN ISLAND (28) (D) C British 6-7-12

(04-60) CHATHAN ISLAND (28) (D) C British 6-7-12

(0500-0 STREETSHILL SPECIAL (17) Mrs P Duffeld 5-7-11 TOP FORM TIPS: Bit On The Side 8, Taipen 7, Opera Buff 6

PORBI GRINDS - TARPARE Led 31 cut to over 11 out, kept on, 11 2nd behind Beauchamp Jade, with LOMBARDIC (rec 1b) 11th of 12 Newmarket 1m4l, Gd-Far) NOVAL SCHIRTARE Made all, easily, to Charter 81 (Bath 1m3144y, Gd-Fm). BARDONI WILL BOYL Promeent, led asside Brail furthing, ran on well to bt Zerman 14 (Bath 1m32, Qd-Fm). BIT ON THE SERIE Always going well, led on bit over 11 out, easily, bi Swallows Dream 19. (Warwick 1m3169-Gd-Sm)

| Compared TOP FORM TIPS: Sharp Rebuilt 10, Ster Telest 7, Courageous De

Bettings 4-1 Starp Reputi, 5-1 Star Talent. Courageous Dancer, 7-1 Double Matt. 8-1 My Beet Valenbru 10-1 Orange Place, Sea Thunder. Jo Maximus FORM GUIDE - COURAGEOUS DANCER: Tracked leagurs, rigged over 11 ont, one pace. 8 3rd behin munist 71 Gd; PTP Headway 21 cml, one pose, 41 501 to Yeass, with JO MAXIMUS (Levels) turther 78 away 10t STAR TALENT: Started stown, headensy over 11 cut, keet on, 29 3rd to Hugenty here on Tuesday (1m, Gd). DOUBLE MATT: Rudden over 21 cut, one pace, 81 5th to Neuvest (Lingheld 7f, Gd-Fm).

3,40 FESTIVAL STAKES 1m 2f C15,270 TOP FORM TIPS: Captain Horstles 8, Maralloga 7, Wijara 6

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1	O PACE	NG CHANNIEL CLAIMING STAKES 2YO & C4,184
	213-6	CRTCLAN (8) R Hannen 9-2 Dans O'Rell (3) 4
	335	DEPICTION (19) R Guest 8-8 L Deptor 2
	3333-05	LIGHEL EDWARDS (6) P Cole 8-8T Guben 5
		CORRECTE (13) J Hetherton 8-6
	65-053	RED TIRE (14) M Saurders 8-6
,	000-0	DANCING MAN (16) Mrs M Long 8-4
1	030-500	BEENY (23) A Jery's 8-2
ļ	000-00	VICTORY COMMANDER (22) T Naughton 8-2
•	03	CINDY KATE (100) W Mark 8-1 C Restor 10
1	44-0420	CISERANO (7) (BF) M Chapton 7-13
	4-97	ELECANTISSELA (24) 8 004 7-13 2004 7
8		Origina S. I local Educate 7. Claurant S

4.4	A & J BULL MADDEN STAKES SYO 1m 1f C5,047

101	65 CHABROL (18) H Cool 9-0 A McGione 8
502	5- DUNCONER HALL (386) C Crzer 9-0
103	22 NORTH SONG (12) (BF) J Goeden 9-0 L Dettori 4
104	80-00 REALMS OF GLORY (7) P Mitchell 9-0
105	3- BOCKY OASIS (259) H Storte 9-0
106	06- DRAMATIC MOMENT (2009) Baiding 8-8
507	4 PRESIDER MIGHT (17) S Day 8-0 T Quisa 1
106	SEEFMA Baiding 8-6
109	TA AWUN A Statent 8-9 W Carson 2

CHABROL: Disputed lead, driven along other headed 3f out, faded 2f out, 121 Sto to Legal Right (Chesk ·mat, eq.; ROCKY CARSE Direit, headway over 21 aut, kopt on, 51 3rd bbd Maxiwal (Doncastar 71, Gd). PREMILER NUCHT) Headway 31 out, faded over 11 out. 71 4th to Whitawater Affair (Kensplon Im. Gd-Fm).

- 5.2	D LEVIN DUTHH APPRENTICE HANDICAP SI 53,500		
1	ID4-000 ASSITEICA (12) (C) (D) B Pearce 11-10-0D Sweepey (5) 1		
ž	200-000 TRIKER OSMASTOR (1.2) (D) M Saunders 5-8-12 D Celtifies 10		
-	34-0000 SQUEEE CORREC (13) (D) G Harwood 4-9-8		
•	7#		
4	245-135 CANOYAS HEART (20) (D) Bob Jones 7-8-9 A Daly 14		
5	0500-03 BARRANAK (17) G McCourt 4-8-6		
ā	0000-00 BRYAN ROBSON (21) (D) G Saiding 5-9-12		
7	611452- SCORED AQAIN (406) (D) M H-Elio 5-5-10Amundo Sundors 12		
ā	0-00502 MAZZARIELO (18) (CD) R Curto 6-8-4		
ě	315564 COASTOLIARDS HERO (7) M Unter 3-8-2		
10	023440 EFFICACY (28) A Jarva 5-8-0		
11	6-50000 NOMADIC DANCER (14) M Saunders 4-7-10		
12	600600 DISTANT DYNASTY (37) (D) B Pearce 6-7-10		
12	0-30000 MY MOTHER'S LOCAL (28) K C-Brown 3-7-10C Manday 11#		
14	6000 OLD GOLD II TAN (14) J Poulton 3-7-10		
TOP FORM TIPS: Castrees Heart S. Soored Austr 7, Berranck 6			

Bertilleg: 9-2 Mazzare Ro. 11-2 Scored Agelm, 6-1 Bryan Robson, 7-1 Berranek, 8-1 Squire Corrie Canova Heatt, 10-1 Coastguards Hero, Efficacy FORSE GONDE - MAZZARISLO: Ridden over 21 ad., ran on, 192 2nd is judgement Call., with SQUIRE COPPLE (gave 21b), what final larlong, 31 away 8th (Lingfield 51, 0d-64th).

SCORED AGAIN: Classed leaders, went 2nd over 11 ad., one page, 41 2nd behind Chadwell Hall

rear until headway over 11 out, stayed on well towards tinteh, 10 ård to Botsho: (Doncaster 5) Blandanaek in their wind statement of the composition of the compositi ROS (REPOR Weakened over 11 out. 5th, placed 4th, 49 bitd Flying Permant (Salisbury 7) Gd-

Newcastle runners and riders

Dettori switches to Lear down last month.

2.25 TYRENOUTH MADER STAKES 5YO 1m 21 03,729 AMBASSADORI (10) C Britain B-0) RASHTREBOARDS (17) J Opins 9-3 C CLASH OF SWORDS (10) P Calver 9 2 MAYEB (34) D Morley 9-0 . 223-24 SASURU (16) G Wagg 9-0

15. Janobed 3 9 0 8 Wildemorth 10–11 (A C Stevent) 10 rau thug-5-2 Questonia, 7.–4 Heart. 4–1 Sasor ₄ , 6–1 Tiger Leko, Stukeed, 14–1 Alternura, Ambassadon, 16–1 6, 33–1 Whaspared Meldoly, Fasco			
5	AMMITSFORD CLAMMING STAKES 2YO & 22,577		
	Q GOING FOR BROKE (13) P Haslam 9-0		
i	11 FONEY (S) Mrs L Stubbs 8-10		
3	23624 PSPLLO DOLLY (21) K Burie 8-9		
	HURGEL MENSTREL J Warts 8-6	G Duffield 4*	
•	40 SILVER RAJ (48) W Kemp 8-4	5 Drowne (2) 8 th	
	4 ALISADARA (14) N Eyerett 5-3	G Hind 8	
,	00 CLONAVON GIRL (17) U Camacho 7-13	L Charnock 2	
	D KUDA (28) J Norton 7-11	Dale Othern 1	

1996: Susulus Rascal 2 B S M Birch 10-1 (M N Castrolan & run Bettings 7-4 Fonzy, 5-2 Helio Dolly, 4-1 Hurgill Ministrel, 5-1 Cloravon Girl, 14-1 Gaing For Broke, Kuda. 20-1 Alisadara, 25-1 Silver Raj

3,2	5 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION H'CAP 3YO 1m 4/ 93mls C5.890
1	334-1 FAATEQ (28) J Duolop 9-7 K Durley 7
2	515-3 PROE MEEDLE (28) D Morkey 9-3
3	652-0 TISSUE OF LES (20) N Johnston 9-1
4	1-2 LADYKIRK (80) J Watts 9-1
8	433-5 KARISMA (26) Detrys Smith 9-0 J Portuge 1
8	6-02 SADLETS REALM (12) M Strate 8-12 Part Eddory 8
7	CO-23 SPARTAM HEASTBEAT (12) C Britain 8-12
8	JOH LEDGEREDRY LINE (17) Mrs N Reveley 8-7 A Culture 6
OP P	ORBA TIPS: Fazing 8, Sedior's Rooks 7, Spartum Heartheat 6
995:	No verresponding race.
ottle	er 4-1 Ledgendry Line, 9-2 Sadler's Realm, Featen, 5-1 Sparlag Heartbeat, 7-1 Pine Neerlie, 8-1

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1 1	4123 BRAYEMEART (3) (D) M Channon 9-1	K Deriey 2
2	1 HULA PRINCE (10) (D) M Johnston 9-1	J Weaver 6
3	41 YOUNG BIGWIG (21) (C) J Berry 9-1	4 Cero#4
1 4	5 APICULATE (21) W Kemp 8-11	S Droume (8) 1
ĺS	41 LEGERD OF ARAGON (17) (CD) J Glover 8-19	G Dutfield 5
6	21 SEASIDE (21) (D) John Berry 8-10	K Falloy 3
TOP	FORM TIPS: Braveheart 6, Hule Prince 7	
1995	i: Gothenberg 2 9 † D Helland 4-1 (M Johnston) B ran	
Becth	es: 5-2 Braveheart, 3-1 Hulla Prince, 7-2 Young Bitmen, Seaside,	11-2 Legend Of Aragon, 33-1
Apico	tate	5 cuspers
4.2	25 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP 3YO 1m 03,162	
1	(6-44 DUBA) COLLEGE (17) C Britis in 9-7	J Wearer 13
2	406-0 ENERGY MAN (43) M Oods 9-6 132P-6 RUSSIAN RASCAL (7) (C) T Exterby 8-3	Carroll 5
] 3	1332P-6 RUSSIAN RASCAL (7) (C) TEXTOR (P-)	# Sirch 17
4	50-513 WINSTON (17) (D) J Beite V 8-12	
5	532110 EBBER RAAS (15) (D) (BF) 5 Williams 8-11	K Darley 2
6	85-00 ANY COLOUR (24) N Gunacho 8-7	L Chernock 6
7	4450-00 KERNOF (12) 12 Hammond 8-7	J Fortune 10
8	OFA-62 SAMOBLASTER (13) Mrs J Ramadan 8-6	K Fallon 12
9	COLG DENDEROUS PRESCRICT COST J PRVAR 8-4	IS I BOURSON IS
10	4004-20 CERREE (12) W Elsey B-3	P Fessey (5) 1*
11	6506-3 CRANCHORE MAGIC (13) Mrss M Milliam 6-2	
12	5000C-4 QME LIFETO LIVE (43) À Harrison 6-2	T Williams 15
18	03-026 OXGANG (67) J FizGerald 8-2	Q Hand 9
14	0500-00 OMOER HODGERS (10) F Whileker 5-2	Date Gibson 4*
15	6003-00 CRISOLE (17) N Tinder 8-1	
16	UNUI-O6 LAWN ORDER (24) MIS J HACKSON 0-1	
17	203-056 NICKTHERN CLAIR (12) IN 17 EBBRION 1-10	Wings: (4) 7 T
18	COD-6 BALLYKISSANCEL (Z4) N Bycroft 7-10	HENY (4) 10
	FORM TIPS: Winston S, Criole 7, Sandblester 6 : HiguPs Lad 3 B 7 J Fortune 6–1 (P C Haelers) 6 can	
		4-7
Bettie Gener	ege 5-1 Samphiaster, 11-2 Winsson, 6-1 Russon Rescal, 7-1 One l ous Present, Dubai College, Certse, 12-1 Ungang, Kerngt	.10 10 Lave, Eden Nass, 19-1 18 rummers
5.0	O SEATON BURN HANDICAP 51 C1,848	IPE 44
1	4235-0 DECTATION (21) J O'Neil 4-10-0	M Consorten Sch
3	0670-00 MERCES BOMANZA (6) (Do M Dody 7-9-10	J Carroll 1
ä	0600-00 MEED'S BOWANIZA (6) (0) M Dods 7-9-10	1 Eventur 11
Ē	0-44106 CAPTAM CARAT (17) (D) (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-5	K Fallon S
ة ا	00300-0 METAL BOYS (18) (D) Miss L Skidali 9-8-13	J Wesser 15
7	(2000-0 HIVIOR ATE (29) (2) M Wans 7-8-8	. D NeKeowe 6
ė	(2000-0 REVIGILATE (29) (0) M Wane 7-8-6	G Hind 4+
9	00-443) \$CHIDERISE (12) (0) N Timber 7-8-5 45-(0 ASTRAL'S CHANCE (17) K Burke 3-8-4	J Fortune 12
19	45-(0) ASTRAL'S CHANCE (17) K Burke 3-8-4	Psul Eddary 10
11	0360-00 DOMERTELLE (13) (D) T Easterby 4-6-4	M. Birch 2
12	0-00303 PEDUTY'S WISHING (15) N Bycrok 4-8-7	
13	00-1115 POIST (27) (BF) M W Easterby 4-8-2	Daie Gibson 7
14	0-00035 SALLYOREALLY (6) ft Storey 5-7-11	N Kennedy 13
15	0-00000 RANKAIDADE (10) (D) É Incisa 5-7-10	Kim Tirkler 3
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Exeter National Hunt evening programme

6.15 Peter Monamy 6.45 Sydney Barry 7.15 Medianie Presid

Bettings 4-6 Poter Monarty, 6-1 Backy Boo, 8-1 High Post, 12-1 Kuten, Nobby North, 14-1 Santon Pri 20-1 Coochie, On My Toes 6.45 SHEPKHS EDWARDS HANDICAP CHASE 2m 31 110yds C2,883

**D SIMPLONS BOWARDS HANDICAP CHASE 2m 3! 110yds CX CS-14() RAMSTAR (28) P Hobbs 8-11-10
311-874 SYDNEY MARRY (13) (CD) R Buckler 11-11-10
431-30 MINETS AN ACE (3) (C) Miles V Writigons 9-11-5
F44-52 LAB RISTAKER (22) B HINDIA 9-11-4
P2-52Q AMAYAND (27) R Frost 7-11-3
122011 CHASHEL PASTIME (27) D Burchel 12-11-2
21-2214 HEBILAY RECATTA (280) (CD) P Rodderd 9-10-13
42422 SYURIAND RAMS (27) (D) R Hodges 10-10-0
4PQD03 MAGGOTTS GREEN (19) (C) D Bradley 9-10-0
PPDPD GARSES (9) E STAND 11-10-0 Bettings 9-2 Rumster, 5-1 Chareel Pastine, 6-1 Mine's An Ace, Jalibrester, 7-1 Abavard, Sydoey Barr 10-1 Evening Roin, Maggata Green, 12-1 Henley Regatia 7.15 BROWN & SHIPLEY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 2f 110yds C2,508 7 - 1 O SROWN & SHEPLEY NOVICE HANDLES IN HISTORIC 202 21
9 F320- JAY PER BES (461) D Baron; 7-11-13
2 31335 MALLANY TORSIG (20) M Pigs 5-11-10
3 610 HADAME PRESIDENT (13) C Neath 5-11-4
4 22228 SUPPRIMICK (22) M How 5-11-3
5 0225 LARIMA LEY (19) D De Pagn 8-10-11
5 0425 LERIMA LEY (20) H Hodge 6-10-11
7 0PF ENERGRANGS MARINY (17) R Alex F-10-0
9 0-0-3PP ORCHESTRAL DESSORE (123) G Ham 5-10-0
9 0PPP-GS PRAGRANGS MOUNTAIN (17) R Baker 10-10-0
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leftling: 5-2 Supermick, 3-1 Laura Lye, 7-2 Madame President, 9-2 Vallant Toski, 5-1 Urbae Lily, 14-1 Jay im Ess, 33-1 Fragrance Mountain

8.15 JAMAR LINER AGENICIES NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 21 22,310 2 4PCD PHILATELE (18) H ARRO 5-11-7 Shramman
3 1-00023 WYNDERDE (27) F FOR 18-11-7 Shramman
4 P223D AKTHMANN (6) W Pice 5-11-4 D Bridgwan
5 10PSS WRECKLESS MAN (10) J Old 9-11-1 G Union 1
6 32251 ITS GRAND (20) J B 20147 1-10-5 A P McCep
7 10-PP GOT TO BE JOKING (19) May J Poper 5-10-0 B Decir
8 SUPEUP PALACE PARADE (9) G Ham 6-10-0 Chris Wolsh

Botting: 11-4 its Grand, 3-) Wynberg, 7-2 Phelatelic, 5-1 Haise Gerning, 6-1 Wrockless Man, 12-1 Akymann. 30-1 Palaza Parade, 25-1 Emtley Buco, Fennant Cottage 13 rumeers Battings 3-1 Secret Four. 4-1 Remailth, Ordant Memory, 11-2 Draum Here, 6-1 Stiver Standard, 9-1 Hebasha, 14-1 Sovso, Miss Souter 9 Ringsons

2.55 (2m 44 Mdle): 1, TAP ON TOOTSIE, R Massoy (7-1): 2, Dairraan (9-1): 3, Winter Rose (10-1): 5-5 lav Wassi Street: 11 ran. 13, 9, (Twall) Tole C 770; 51.20; 2.90; 2.30. Dual F (32-50, Trio: £48-10, CSF: £61.73, Tricast, S70.43, 3.25 (2m 44 14 Oyde Chi: 1, WISE AP-PROACH, 5 McMaill (7-1): 2, Moskova (11-2 Fav): 3, Postgaryswen (7-1): 11 ran 3, 8 (K Balley) Tole, Clo 20; 130, 02, 10, 62.40, Dual F (52.270, Trio 26.40, CSF: £41.96, Tricast £27.28, GOODWOOD 2.10 (77s 1, PORTRY, P Robinson (12-1);
2. Pomosa (80-1); 3. Press On Niety
(20-1); 8-4 fav Fatoluly; 6 ran, 8; 2 fal
Tompkine) Tota; 1:12.00; 12.70; 1:15.00, 25.00;
Dual P 1394.0 rior Not won, CSF: 0:30, 80,
2.40 (97s; 1, NONTRERRAT, M Fenton
(5-1 co-fav); 2. Pumple Filing (25-1); 3, La
Pathle Passes (5-1 co-fav); 5-1 co-fav 1vide
As Sharp, 13 ran, 8, 8; 14 Cottrelly Tota;
05.00; (20.0, 15.00, 15.60, Dual F 188.60,
Trio: 172.80, CSF, E108.74, Tricust; E532.12.
NF: Sweet Magic. The: C72.00. CSP. E108.74. Tricust: E532.12
NR: Sereal Magic.
3.10 ('im 2fp' 1, WHITEWAYER AFFAIR,
R Cochrane (4-1 law); 2, Shemnozzie (9-2);
3, Paparing (1-2), 97an. 13, nk. (M Stoute)
Tote: E5.00; E1.80, £1.70, £2.20, DF: £11.00
Tric: £10.00 CSF: £21.40, HR: Camporese.
3.40 ('am 60's 1, PRIESSIAN ELUE, W
Pyan (4-1); 2, Beckgrownton (6-1); 3, Paparing (1-1); 2, Paparing (1-1); 3, Paparing

TOP FORM TIPS: Featherstone Lane 8, Foist 7, Dorokolije 8 1995: Telico in Buccioran 4 7 9 D Wright 14-1 (P S Felgato) 11 ran

(192.30 ITICESC LEGGLACE
Waters.
4.45 (1m 27): 1, COUNTRY LOVER, Armee Cock (7-2): 2, Asking For Kings (5-1),
3, Bettlendig Bruce 15-2 lay, 8 ran 4, 35,
(Lord Huntingdon: Tote 14.80; 11.50, 11.80,
11.20, Dual F 19.50, Trio 112.00 CSF
219.34 NF Westminster.
5.20 (67): 1, FALKENHAM, T Cultur (4-1);
5.24 Lain Master (9-2), 3, Seratimore 2. Left Muster (9-2), 3. Sérathanore Clear (20-1) 6-4 lay Generous Git, 9ran. 1, 3. [P Cole) Tote 28. 50; 12. 50; 21. 50; 22. 50; Duai F: C15.00 Trio: 220.00. CSF (22. 53. NP.

WORCESTER 2.25 (2m Hole): 1, anns-LOU-AND, Mr J Culloty 15-4 favl; 2, Red Light (33-1): 3, Humilton SER (7-4) 8 ran. 5, 3 (Mrss H Knight) fom 12 70: 11.30 15.30 11.10, DF 120 30, CSF 128,01.

Dual F: C22.70. Trio: C26.40. CSF: C41.06
Tricate: C27.28
2.65 (2am Holle: 1, MARDYY LASS, Y J
Murphy (12-1): 2, MARDYY LASS, Y J
Murphy (12-1): 3, Pankerspe (13-2): 3,
Zaskid (7-1): 13-8 tav Courageous Knight
11 ran. 2 & U Smrith Toto: C14.40; C2.40.
C3 40. C2 10. Dual F: C40.07
CSF: E27.14 Tricast 1555 42.
4.25 (2am 4f: 1 Tryds Calyr 1, RICH LFFE,
M Richards: C-1). 2, Bertwel (8-1): 3, Read
Geo (7-2). 11-8 tav Pontoon Bridge. 11 ran.
5. CC Weedon) Tote: C7 70: C1.90. C32.0.
C2.0. Dual F: C36.0. Trio: C71.90. C37.
C40 9 NR: Bertley Marior.
5.00 (2am Frait): 1, PRINCEPTUL, R Farrant
(9-2): 400. C3F. Palay Classic Chal. 16
ran 12, 18 (Mrs.) Pitmani Tote: C5.30. C2.90.
C30. C13-50. Dual F: 20.90. C35.
C3F. C31.56
S.30 (2am Plact): 1, PRINCEPTUP, T Hagger (4-1): 2, Bucktheart (7-1): 3, Spring
Double (3-1): 40. Trio: C5F. C36.14.
PLACEPOT: C225.40
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Birmingham scoop United's Bruce





model of consistency at the | Ferguson. "That is the very heart of the defence as United emerged from a lengthy period of transition to win a succession of honours, culminating in the double Double achieved

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least we owe him. It gives him the chance to extend his career and it is a mar-vellous challenge for him; we cannot stand in his way. He has served the club magnificently for almost 10 years and we wish him well

TEVE BRUCE, the Manchester United captain, has been lured away from Old Trafford by Birmingham City in a deal that will make the stalwart central defender one of the highest-paid players in English football. paid players in English Bruce." The 35-year-old Bruce's three days. Bruce, who will leave decision to join Trevor United on a free transfer on Francis, who took charge of cation is that this is his tes-

a week. Birmingham's cuowner David Sullivan
boasted: "I cannot conceive
there is a player in Britain
being paid more than we
will be paying Steve
Bruce."

Bruce's tarted when someone tosu
me that he [Bruce] had a
clause in his contract that
allowed him to go on a free
transfer. It's gone from
there in the last two or
three days.

David Lacey in Beijing

this evening England's the European Championship may yet be remembered for played at all.

By selecting Manchester

Yet this will not be an Eng-

The alcohol ban is the first imposed at the Government Stadium, which bosts the annual Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament at which alcohol is considered inte-

will be facing a team of Engwin be latering a team of England players, the 19-year-old Philip Neville being the only new cap, but the side that Venables will field against

it is not, no one was going to experience in this sort of admit that Venables has left out certain players to protect them from injury, which most

suspect he has. So it should, therefore, be possible to gauge the impor-tance of David Seaman, Paul Ince, Teddy Sheringham and Stuart Pearce to England's European Championship pros-European Championship prospects by the amount of time, if had to reach the wall on foot,

exception because, having made only a brief appearance against Hungary on Saturday after his hernia operation, he needs matches. He also needs international goals.

Croatia in the previous fix-

runs out, is believed to have been offered a two-year package worth be-

tween £16,000 and £18,000

a week. Birmingham's co-

loose ends before naming his squad of 22 for the European Championship. Two of the imand Jamie Redknapp, each given a late chance to state his case for surviving the cut.

"They both played against Colombia last September," was right in there. Then he had this unfortunate injury

season. He started off very well and he's stuck in there. I've spoken to Bryan Robson [Middlesbrough's manager] at length about him and he felt that in the last few matches he had been doing better. He's certainly looked very sharp

a competitive game since undergoing a knee operation in mid-January. Having lost Mark Wright to damaged knee ligaments last Saturday, accredited by Venables needs to see whether Adams shapes up as i

> fore we trained this morning," said Venables, "and he said he felt good. And he looked fine to me." Fitness apart, Adams also needs to demonstrate to the England coach that he is happy play-ing in the three-man defence Venables has adopted in the

Switzerland in the opening Euro 96 match a fortnight on Saturday will bear only a passing resemblance to this.

Diplomatic professal baselone

Soutnegate has a further chance to demonstrate the versatility which, since Venables opted for playing three at the back, has become a prime virtue in this sound. To some the professal baselone in this sound. Diplomatic protocol having extent the pattern of the game eclared the pitch in the will decide whether South-Diplomatic protocol naving declared the pitch in the Workers' Stadium to be the next best thing to a croquet in this sort of

> It is to be hoped that Gasjoin the rest of the squad on

> will announce his side shortly before the kick-off. "This is a great opportunity to test our team's ability," he said. Eng-land's too, if recent results in Beijing are anything to go by.

GERMANY have settled a dispute over expenses with the Vauxhall Conference club Macclesfield and will train at the non-League club's

would be top-ranked.

December.

next season because he was ordered off against Borussia

Dortmund in Germany last

ground during Euro 98.
The Silkmen feared that they might be out of pocket after accommodating the Germans, but now Euro 98 officials and the German soccer federation have agreed to do-Last season Rangers were rated as one of the seeded teams among the 16 national champions told to play in the

July 1, the day his contract the ambitious First Divruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to been offered a twopear package worth beruns out, is believed to be dismissal of Barry Fry,
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need a captain and a leader and there's nobody better than Steve. It was too good

announcement.

Francis said: "It all fair package that we've started when someone told me that he [Bruce] had a "We're a young team, we youngsters over the next."

It all fair package that we've much of his time nurturing the talent of his new club's youngsters over the next.

"It will be a terrible wrench leaving Manchester United because I have some wonderful memories of son. Despite being over-both the club and its sup-porters," he said. "But at land managers he proved a

is too good to turn down. I am really looking forward to the challenge of getting Birmingham City into the

fluential figure under the managership of Alex Fergu-

Premiership."
Bruce joined United from
Norwich City nine years
ago and emerged as an in-

this season.
"We have had to concur with Steve's wishes," said in the future."

Venables toys with Chinese puzzler

F TWO of a kind can see off a full house in the Workers' Stadium here something other than the bizarre fact that it is being

United's Gary and Philip Neville for the friendly against China, Terry Venables has already ensured a certain curi-osity value for the fixture. Not since Jack and Bobby Charlton appeared together for the last time against Czechoslovakia in Guadalajara in the 1970 World Cup have two brothers played in

land team in the truest sense of the word. To be sure, China

THE Hong Kong FA has banned alcohol from Sun-day's match between England and a local select team, with 300 security guards, 120 soldiers and 100 extra police being

deployed.
Only 200 England fans the English FA — are expected to travel. They will well in a game as he has been be seated in a special area. doing in training.

gral to the entertainment.

Arsenal man's absence.
With Ince rested, Gareth

Only two of those who began the Hungary match, Gary Neville and Darren Anderton, will start tonight's game and of the 11 who faced Croatia in the previous fix-

Germans end training row

ture only Gary Neville, Paul Gascoigne and Steve McMan-aman start here.

Clearly Venables is using the China match to tie up

Venables recalled, "and Red-knapp at that time was out-standing. He looked like he and was out for quite a long time, but now he's beginning to get his form back.

Barmby's had a very hard

The match also represents a crucial fitness test for Tony Adams, who has not played in

doing in training.
'I asked him how he felt be-

system is limited.

coigne's regular misfortune with injuries does not resurface now. His decision not to yesterday's excursion to the Great Wall suggested his luck was still in Because of a any, Venables is prepared to allow them against China.

Alan Shearer is the obvious

Qi Wusheng, China's coach,

United given | Results **Euro seeding** next season

United for England . . . the Nevilles, Gary and Philip

SENIOR PROFESSIONAL CHARPION-SHEP (Sevenosks): Second round lead-ers 140 T Horton (Royal Jersey) 71, 59 149 H Flatmen (Romford) 69, 72, 142 T Squires (Boston) 72, 70, 144 B Waites (Nots) 72, 72, 145 J Hudson (Benton Halli 70, 75; P Leonard (Dunmarry) 70, 75; J Rhodes (South Staffs) 69, 76, 146 A Bick-erdiko (Mansden) 72, 74; T Briz (Broome Pk) 70, 76, 147 B Hant (Foshills) 72, 75, 148 P Green (Mcon Valley) 70, 78 ANCHESTER United have been seeded for next season's European Champions' League but Rangers, the Scottish title-holders, will have to qualify. Ajax will also be among the eight seeds who qualify di-rectly for the last 16 but Ju-

TORINES

GRAND PRIX TOURNIAMENT (St Poelibri) First round; F Mentilin (Sp.) bit D Rild (C2) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 Second round: A Gender (C2) the 5-4, 6-1 Second round: A Gender (C2) the 5-4, 6-2 Second (C2) the 5-5-5, 6-0. M Rice (Chile) bit M Filippin (Uru) 6-2, 6-2; T Muster (Auf) bit M Goelliner (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; F Cisnet (Fr) bit J Sanchez (Sp) 5-7, 6-0, 8-2 F Mentilin (Sp) bit G Ruschall (GB) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; K Cartesen (Der) bit Y El-Ayriacut (Mor) 6-1, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bit G Stack (Zhn) 5-4, 7-6; L Richtervera (C2) bit C Martinez (Sp) 5-2, 6-3. ATP WORLD YEAM CUP TOURNIAMENT (Outseldorf): Blue groups Netherlands 2, Russis 1; Czech Rapublic 3, United States O. Red groups Settzerland a, Sweden 0, Spain 3, Germany Q. WOMEN'S OPEN (Madrid): Second rounds in Seien (US) bit S Schett (Aut) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; J Newetins (C2) bit L Raymand (US) 6-2, 7-5, 8 Schultz-MicCarthy (Neth) bit R Bobkova (C2) 6-4, 6-4; R Malesen (But) bit M A Senchaz (Sp) 5-4, 6-1; A Costner (SA) bit E Librotowa (Rus) 6-4, 6-4; A Smeshez-Wicario (Sp) bit F Lobat (Arg) 7-5, 6-1; S Epitein (Rom) bit N Sawnmanu (Lapan) with McGrathyl. Heliand (US/La) bit J Hetherington/K Radford (Can/Aut) 6-3, 6-6-3; R Arendr/M Belegraf (RE/Neth) bit P Tarabin/C Vis (Arg/Neth) 6-3, 6-3; R Arendr/M Belegraf (RE/Neth) bit P Tarabin/C Vis (Arg/Neth) 6-3, 6-3; R Arendr/M Belegraf (RE/Neth) bit P Tarabin/C Vis (Arg/Neth) 6-3, 6-3; R ventus, who lost their Serie A crown to AC Milan, went into last night's European Cup final against the Dutch side knowing that if they lost they would be in the Uefa Cup next season.
Johning United and Ajax
will be AC Milan, Auxerre,
Borussia Dortmund, Porto, either Atletico Madrid or Valencia, and Club Bruges or Juventus as direct qualifiers.
Bruges would be the eighth seeds if Juventus lost last

night; if the Italians won they Games on August 7 and 21 will decide if Rangers reach the Champions' League group, which guarantees a further six ties, but Paul Gascoigne is suspended for the first two European matches

Baseball

BASSCIPSTU
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seatife 13. Boston
7: Cleveland 6, Milwauton 5; Karsas City
7. Detroit 1; California 5, Baltimore 2; New
York 7. Ostdand 3, Chicago 2, Toromo 1;
Minnesota 4, Texas 3.
MATTOMAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 8.
Montreal 5; Florida 3, Cincinnali 2, Chicago 4, Atlanta 2; St Louis 8, Houston 2;
Colorado 12, Pitisburgh 10, Los Angeles 6,
New York 4; Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4.

for England but only the

sixth to have appeared

in the national team

Arthur and Percy Walters, Hubert and Frank Heron

and the Rawsons, Bert and

simultaneously.

[J Wood 103no, D G C Ligertwood 90, D A Blenkhon 70, M J Foster 57) and 18-1. Sussest 295 [M Nowell 84, R Halasil 78]. Sussest 295 [M Nowell 84, R Halasil 78]. Creat Esseeby (11-3 fav.) 10 ran. 3, Ad. (W March drawn. Oxtober Surrey 372-5 dec. [J J Ward 164no, B C Hollocke 100, T Sussest 295], and 183-0. Notinghamshive 293-8 dec. [L N Walker 127no, M Nowell 51, De La Borna 5-92]. Makth drawn. Seuthamsplans Giamorgan 112 (Udel 5-15) and 225 [J R A Williams 61, A J Dalton 57, R V Almond 54no; Udal 4-73]. Hampahror 196 [M J Thursfield 50, Davies 4-41] and 7-1. No play. Match drawn. Weroester Gioucsershire 201 (N J Tranor 104; Rawmsley 7-65) Worceslershire 193-1 (V S Solanki 1200, M Dwan 40no). No play. Match drawn. Geolia 120 [M J Tranor 164]. Rawmsley 7-65) Worceslershire 193-1 (V S Solanki 1200, M Dwan 40no). No play. Match drawn. Geolia 120 [M J Tranor 164]. Rawmsley 7-650 Worceslershire 193-1 (V S Solanki 1200, M Dwan 40no). No play. Match drawn. Geolia 120 [M J Tranor 164]. Rawmsley 7-651 (M J Tranor 164). Thursfield 50. Davies 4-41 and 72-1. No play. Maich drawn. Woroseler Slouces-tershire 201 (N J Trainor 104; Rownsley 7-59) Woroselershire 159-1 (V S Solank) 112n0. M Dwan 40rol. No play. Malch drawn.

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GURO PTALIA: Fourth stage (147km); 1,

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ice Hockey

INTL C'SHEP (Calro): Evening Racing NEWCASTLE

nate £2,000 each to the FA
Trophy holders and share the cost of stewarding.

Eamonn Bannon, the former Hearts, Dundee United and Scotland midfielder, has been appointed manager of Falkirk.

Sunderland have released the midfielders Gordon Armstrong and Brian Atkinson and the full-back John and the full-back John Kay.

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ARY and Philip Nev-ille will be the 20th set of brothers to play to strike a chord with them. tt comes to communication. lt's been brilliant with In fact the 21-year-old

FAUL GASCOIGNE

Brothers and backs for England

Gary was at pains to play down the fraternal signifi-cance after Terry Venables Before Jack and Bobby announced the England Charlton there were the Formans, Frank and Fred, smashing for Philip." he smashing for Philip," he said, "but it's more impor-tant that the team does well than either one of us. Us

Diplomatic discussions . . . England's coach Terry Venables, right, confers with Ted Buxton, his assistant, and Paul Gascoigne during the Beijing build-up Photograph: LOIS PAIMONDO

David Lacey on the Nevilles who line up

in illustrious succession to the Charltons

Fixtures

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: China v Eng-land (Beijing, 12.45).

Rugby League
ALLIANCE: Bradiord v Hull KR: Castleford v St Helens; Halling v Wilgan; Leeds v
Salford, Otham v Hull. First DMslove:
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Soccer

Cricket

is the important one when you have greater responsibillity than just being a full-back. That suits both our temperaments."

Philip Neville, two years younger than Gary. ex-

do in the team and, when

Bill. The Herons even playing together is a small played together for England after winning the FA going on with the team, land after winning the FA going on with the team, lard for bench for last Saturday's Platt and True reason the Hungary game was that also graduate Venables wanted him to study the three-man system from the Wembley stands. Neville, is comfirst-hand memories of the saturday's Platt and True reason the reason the reason the reason the value of the saturday's Platt and True reason the reason that the reason the reason the reason that the reason the reason the reason the reason that the reason the reason the reason the reason

uals. We both have jobs to | over-familiar with this way of playing; nor is Adams if you're playing in a back it comes to that.
three, the central defender Not that the yo Not that the younger Nev-

ille had any qualms about what might happen in the Workers' Stadium tonight.
"I think I'll find it easy to Mark Wright and Gareth "I think I'll nnu at commander and I'm sure adapt to a three-man defence," he said. "Both and non Howe have Terry and Don Howe have been asking me if I under-

plained that the reason he United was for Boundary had not been on the England Park Under-16s. David

ouflage exercise, perhaps not starting the friendlies with

the team likely to face the Dutch in Scotland's champi-

McAllister, John Collins and Stuart McCall can do in mid-

field; it's only a question of

onship opener on June 10.

bench for last Saturday's Platt and Trevor Sinclair Hungary game was that also graduated from this Venables wanted him to Manchester club. The study the three-man system from the Wembley stands. Neville, is commercial man-

Scotland hope to hoodwink

their Euro 96 audience

Patrick Glenn in Connecticut on the options left open to "We have to keep some-thing to ourselves,' said Brown. "For example we know what players like Gary Craig Brown and Co

THE world's two largest oceans are not vast enough to keep modern football teams from the prying keeping them match fit, so eyes of forthcoming they can be played at certain opponents.
Scotland's manager Craig

Brown, having taken his squad across the Atlantic to the eastern seaboard of the United States, yesterday confirmed that he would have Ally McCoist, although it is "contacts" on the other side of the Pacific checking England's matches in China and

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But he also expects that all of Scotland's rivels in Group A of Euro 96 will have spies watching his own players in action against the United States in Hartford on Sunday and Colombia in Miami on Wednesday.

Wednesday.
When Brown and his assistant Alex Miller watched England play Hungary at Wembley on Saturday they were joined by a coach from Holland. "He filled an entire notebook," said the Scotland manager. "If an England player scratched his head he player scratched his head he jotted it down. That's how it

is in the modern game.
"I know that Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, has already delegated people to watch us here in America. Alex and I will be there."

stages without starting. Per-haps we should have a look at

Ally McCoist, although it is hoped he will be ready for the Colombia match. And Colin Calderwood, although recovered from injury, has not played a competitive match since March.

In defence Brown will have to find an effective three-man partnership as Alan McLaren is unlikely to be available. The Rangers player had arti-roscopic surgery on his knee yesterday but it will be three days before the verdict is

known.
"If we find that McLaren has to miss the champion-ship," said Brown, "we will have to start with Derek Whyte on Sunday. Derek is new to this squad and we would have to give him the opportunity to work with Colin Hendry and

Calderwood. "But we have options. Tom watch us here in America.
When Holland play the
Republic of Ireland on June 3.

Celtic, and his team-mate Tosh McKinlay could be All of this has moved given the role wide on the Brown to contemplate a cam- left."



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EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

Litmanen checks Juventus the quality, look at the ad

Martin Thorpe in Rome

GLARING miss by Gianluca Vialli in the last five min-utes, after he had goalkeeper, denied Juventus the chance to lift the European Cup after 90 minutes and forced the game into extra-time last night. Rangers and Chelsea may reconsider their interest in the Italian

international.

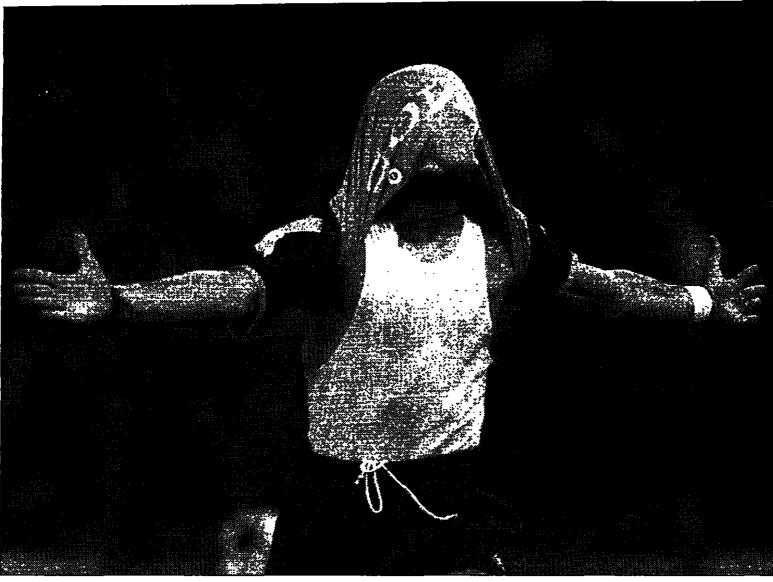
During the day the Italian fans had been conspicuous by their silence, keeping a low profile in a city where they are hated, mainly by Roma supporters but also by Lazio's. Once inside the ground, however, they soon let loose, spreading large banners behind the goal, equally large grand-prix starting flags and the ubiquitous red flares.

The thousands of Ajax fans who had crammed into Rome earlier in the day had been conspicuous by their noise. A large contingent chanted and waved flags inside the Colosseum, eager for the moment when they would discover if Juventus were going to play the part of the Christians in the city's other main stadium hours later. They were not.

Juventus began with a reli-gious passion all right but were eager to chase Ajax, hoping to catch them cold in the opening quarter of the game. It worked wonderfully. Perhaps the Dutch were missing the reassuring presence of the suspended Reiziger at the back, for the uncertainty there was palpable In the eighth minute Van der Sar failed to hold a 25-yard shot from Torricelli, allowing the fumble to fall to the feet of Ravenelli, who wastefully

flower bed behind the goal. Four minutes later the goal keeper boobed again, only this time it was costly. He came out for a ball that Frank

blasted the chance into the



Head case . . . Fabrizio Ravanelli, of Juventus, celebrates his opening goal in Rome last night

and Ravenelli pounced down the right to slide the ball into the net from an acute angles. Juventus continued to threaten and Van der Sar de Boer was shepherding redeemed himself somewhat worst for last to let the reason he decided to punch back for him, missed the kick by tipping Deschamps's shot Dutch back into the game five the ball away instead of catch-

round a post. Ajax's only authentic chance had come from a shot by Musampa, which yard free-kick came straight was saved by Peruzzi. But Ju- into the chest of the Italian ventus's goalkeeper saved his goalkeeper but for some

ing it. Litmanen, the tournament's leading scorer, fought off Vierchowod and slotted home the rebound to put Ajax

Ajax's answer to the lack of pressure on Peruzzi's goal was to bring on their troubled start of the second half. Ajax's main problem, however, had Juventus had done well in holding to their plan of keep-ing a tight rein on any Dutch

flamboyance, denying Ajax the time on the ball to start a meaningful passing move-ment. When Ajax did escape the manacles they were soon hit by the scythe. When the mobile Davids cut in from the left with a feint and a shimmy, Yugo-

vic's boot brutally diverted the midfielder vertically. Mo-ments later Bogarde was go-ing about his business wen Ravanelli came sliding in with a late challenge.

PHOTOGRAPH: DUSAN VRANK

Chances were few as the second half unfolded, neither side wanting to make more mistakes by being too adven-turous. The best chance fell to Juventus: Ravanelli this time beat Bogarde with the ball, cutting inside the defender to crossing the ball back to Vialli. However, the supposedly British-bound striker would not have impressed many by mishitting his closerange shot straight at the goalkeeper.

With 15 minutes left Pe ruzzi once again had the Juventus supporters' hearts in their mouths when he elected to punch away a shot from Del Piero instead of catching

Juvantus: Peruzzi; Torricelli, Ferrara, /ierchowod, Pessotto, Conte (Jugovic, umin), Sousa, Deschamps, Vialli, Del Referee: M Diaz Vega (Soain).

Never mind



lan Katz

HE US Presidential race is hotting up, but the slickest campaign of the moment does not promote Bill Clinton or Bob Dole. Instead it urges Americans to vote for Ken Griffey Jr, the square-jawed Seattle Mariners slugger.
The "Griffey for President"

campaign is being mounted by Nike, in the hope, presumably, that his supporters will invest in new footwear to get to the ballot box. On the face of it, it is a tribute to the Seattle player's enormous popularity; he is, after all, drop-dead gorgeous, relentlessly charming and beyond question one of the finest hitters in the league.

In truth, however, the Grif-fey campaign is more a testa-ment to the power of the big corporate sponsors in US sport than it is to Griffey's considerable talents. Nike, quite simply, has decided to turn the centre-fielder into baseball's No. 1 star.

Never mind that Griffey ha never won a league MVP award while some active players have collected as many as three, never mind that his performance with the bat this season has reeked of mediocrity; Nike has decided that he has the right stuff and it will see to the rest.

Nike can make a giant out of Griffey, provided he doesn't do anything too appalling, be-cause US stars are made on the screen, not the field. As Greg Maddux, arguably the finest left-hander of all time, would attest, it's not enough to be a great pitcher, you must be a great pitch man too.

NBA leviathan, was spectacu-lar in Orlando's play-off series against the Atlanta Hawks. but what most Americans remember is that ad where Shaq ran though several TV creens to get a can of Pepsi

Of course his team-mate An-fernee "Penny" Hardaway emerged as a fully fledged star on the court this year, but his fame was easily eclipsed by that of "Little Penny", the gar-

rulous Hardaway puppet cre-ated to sell Reebok trainers. The highlight of Deion "Prime Time" Sanders's first season with the champion Dallas Cowboys? Why, that Pizza Hut ad with the Dallas

owner Jerry Jones of course.

Youthful Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill? That would be Sprite. The great Charles Barkley? Not much of a season but there was that fun deodorant commercial For the corporate star-mak

ers, an athlete's ability to score points or smash home runs may be secondary to other, less easily quantifiable qualities such as charm, wholesomeness and elo-quence. Shaq may have the most imposing dunk in the NBA but his colossal celebrity

— and \$17 million in endorse-ment fees last year — may have more to do with his facility for playing the gentle giant. For most of this decade Michael Jordan effectively unified the titles of marketing and sporting superhero by dominating basketball games as thoroughly as he dominated the commercial breaks between them. The fourth league MVP award he accepted on Tuesday night matched with pleasing symmetry a fourth year as the world's top-paid athlete, with \$40 million in endorsements topping up his meagre \$3.9 million salary.

EYOND His Airness, however, the correlation between sponsorfuelled celebrity and athletic ability is less satisfying. Take Hill, the Detroit for ward who in January topped the NBA's All-Star ballot for the second year in a row. He is a gifted, explosive ath-lete but does any fan honestly believe he is a greater player

than Jordan? Of course not. The articulate and eminent ly presentable Hill was simply anointed as the NBA's new megastar by the corporate sponsors when Jordan threw them into a tizzy by resigning from basketball. It's too late, now, for them to admit that the affable youngster may not be the giant they promised. As striking, though, may be the omissions from the marketing hall of fame. Last year

Houston's Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon ruled on ut was virtually i visible off it. This year the Seattle duo of Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp have dominated the Western Conference play-offs but barely left the bench in the ad wars.

Payton and Kemp are abrasive, unattractive characters who might understandably frighten corporate suitors, but Olajuwon's absence from the sponsorship big league invites an uglier explanation. The Ni-gerian-born behemoth still speaks with an African accent and talks regularly and pas-sionately about his Muslim faith. Not really the right stuff, if you get my drift. I mean 'Olajuwon for President'"? It would never fly.

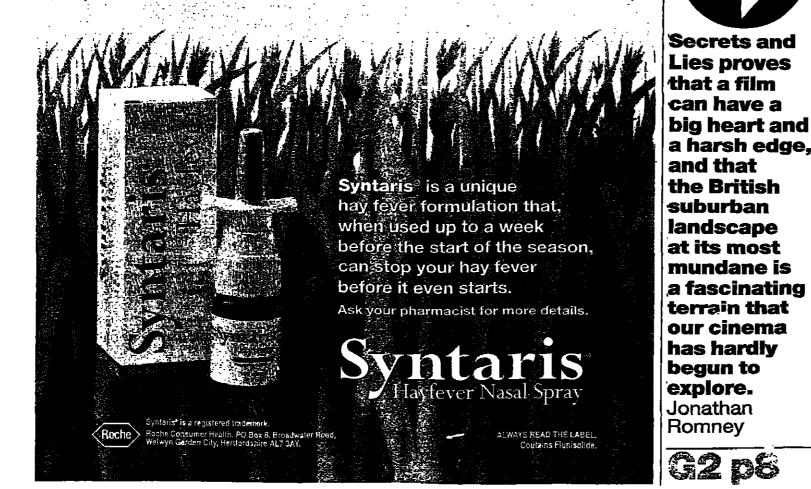
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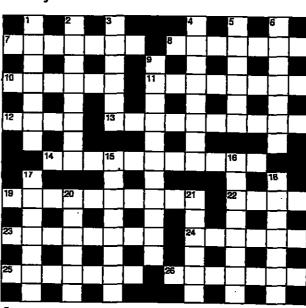
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- 8 Junior officers made to climb the mast (7)
- 10 Wine produced by Irish county town's capital (6)
- 11 Neglect nothing on a job (8) 12 Some passer-by from Belgrade? (4)
- 13 Reckoned it's deliberate (10)
- adjusted and secured (11)
- 19 Homespun gin? (7,3) 22 Made processed cheese
- 23 Wrongly throws into an unsuitable role? (8)
- 24 This poet makes.
- 26 She's had one ring and
- 1 His job is to cast waste

- 14 He said belts need to be
- uninteresting study (6)
- 25 Shown up by a space traveller? (7)

- 2 Assigns to a berth in stormy 3 Cross one side of Glasgov
- 4 Involved in a quest for relics of a bygone age (8) 5 Light sleep? (6)
- 6 Given an income, but at the
- finish was in debt (7)
- 9 Descriptive of a sophis
- ticated traveller? (7-4) 15 A verse that's initially puzzling (8)
- Carpenter managed to eat
- 16 All the Walrus and the 17 Almost tropical variety of fruit (7)

